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Humbly and prayerfully submitted

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Sue Williams

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Baptist Historical Library, Winston-Salem, N.C.
2. Raleigh Baptist Association.
3. *The Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N.C.
4. *The News and Observer* and the *Raleigh Times*.
5. Associational and Church Minutes.

The history was written from some of the above sources plus from histories written by Mrs. Creighton Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Liles, Mrs. Carey Poole, Mr. Aubrey Roberts, and information received from families in the church, from friends, and pastors.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

W. T. (Bill) MILLS

Speaker



PROGRAM

Samaria Baptist Church is celebrating its Centennial October 1st - 8th, 1978; beginning with the Senior Citizens presenting a musical "Count on Us," and special music presented by Stanley Whorley. Rev. Hardwick Hatcher, our pastor, will hold a "Candlelight Communion Service" Sunday evening, with special music presented by Arthur Lee Poole and the adult choir.

Rev. Jimmy Morriss, known by everyone as Minister of the Air on WRAL TV, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday evening service. Special music will be furnished by a quartet singing selections from 1878-1978 periods.

The Centennial Celebration will end Sunday, October 8th with Rev. W. T. Mills of Temple Baptist Church in Raleigh bringing the Homecoming message. Special music will be presented by Dan Hodge and Melford Luther. Dinner on the grounds will be served immediately following the service.

Many special guests plan to attend and participate in one or more services. Our guest soloists are former members of Samaria.



(Left to Right) -- Mrs. Sue Williams, Mr. Jack Keeter, Mrs. Cassie Hunnicutt, Mrs. Margaret Honeycutt.

Church, city, state, and U.S.A. history given depicting fashions, happenings, and changes of the last one hundred years in preparation of the "Centennial". The entire Sunday school met in general assembly together on four different Sundays, while the person in the above picture presented the history. Mrs. Creighton (Sue) Williams started with 1878-1903; Mr. Jack Keeter gave 1903-1928; Mrs. R. A. (Cassie) Hunnicutt gave 1928-1953; and Mrs. Jack (Margaret) Honeycutt gave 1953-1978.

DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to all the "Unsung Heroes" of Samaria Church. There are too many in number to mention them all, but God knows who they are. We *would* like to mention some of the oldest families whose descendants are still carrying on the Lord's work at Samaria.

The Williams Family — Enough could not be said for the part this family has played in the church. The early history of Samaria Baptist Church includes the Williams family name. Recorded in the "History" is how Sarah Purnell and Napoleon B. Williams, among others, were instrumental in Samaria's beginning. Three children—Mary Lela, Martha Veritas, and Harrison (Hal) Boyd—survived their parents, all taking active parts in the church.

The son "Hal" served the church with the same devotion as his parents. Among other things, he provided a place for the preachers who came a distance to preach. He married Mabel Gill in 1911, and both continued serving the church in many capacities including deacon, superintendent, clerk, teacher, and in any place they were needed. To this union, Creighton Gill, Veritas, Harrison B. and Marshall R. were born.

Creighton is still a very active member. He married Sue Pearce, and they have two children—Kent Boyd and Suzanne Stanley. As did his parents, Creighton and Sue work side by side serving wherever needed. Veritas Williams is married to Cecil Jennings, and she is still an active member, helping with the altar flowers and many times using flowers grown at her home. They have one daughter, Cecelia. On the light side, it has been told, people carried all their children to church putting them down on blankets in the front of the church to sleep. When this family returned home one night, they discovered they had left one of their children asleep at church and had to return to get the child. This family, "it has been noted," has always served the church and neighborhood during their entire lifetime.

The Roberts Family — C. N. (Charles Nicholas) Roberts was born March 10, 1862. The first time we find C. N. Roberts' name listed in the church minutes was in 1884 when he was associational representative. He married Augusta Allen who was already a member along with her parents, Nancy Jane and Rufus H. Allen. The Roberts had eight children including twins who died in infancy. A brother Charles died when he was twenty with typhoid fever, and Arthur died in France while serving in World War I. Charles N. Roberts died July

16, 1939. This family served the Lord and Samaria Baptist Church willingly and faithfully leaving behind four children—Annie, Aubrey, Mae (Mabel), and Grace—all being active members of the church themselves.

S. A. (Aaron) Liles was born in 1883. His mother and father passed away when he was very young, and two aunts raised him. The first time we find Aaron Liles' name listed in the minutes was in 1911 when he was associational representative. We were unable to determine exactly when he came to Samaria. He married Annie Roberts in 1911. Six children were born to this union—Russell, Rebecca, Charles, Lola, Gertrude, and Lucy. The six children joined Samaria Church. After the death of Rebecca, and a daughter, Lucy, moving her membership, four of the children remain members. Gertrude remembers she and Lucy being baptized in "Grandma's" pond and the mud almost choking them to death.

Mr. Liles taught the Young Men's Bible Class, teaching both fathers and sons in many families. He was Superintendent of Sunday School, life-time deacon, and most of the people remember him best for his prayers. They were filled with inspiration, humility, sincerity, and dedication, making these prayers unforgettable. He taught Sunday School until his health forced him to give up his class and attendance in church.

Mrs. Liles taught in the primary department until she found it necessary to stay home and take care of Mr. Liles. After his death, December 1964, she returned to church to teach in the Junior Department as long as she was able. Her death was June 1977. The influence these two people have had on so many lives will be remembered for many years to come. They served family, community, church, and God well.

Aubrey Roberts was born August 7, 1908. The following story was told of Aubrey when he was a child: Two little boys squirmed, wiggled, and talked through Mr. Earley's morning sermon. When the invitation hymn started, one of them saw his grandmother coming toward them so they started out the side door of the front of the church, meeting the preacher with outstretched hands. They were trapped—Grandma at one end of the pew and the preacher at the other so they shook hands with him and joined the church thinking this was better than the punishment they would get when they got home for their misbehavior. They were baptized the next Sunday in Mr. Charlie Roberts' fish pond, since there was no baptistry in the old church.

Aubrey was converted three years later to become one of the most

active and dedicated members of his time where there was a need. He was a Bible scholar, loved to teach every age group, and was called on to speak in other churches both black and white in the absence of their pastors as well as to teach study courses in Sunday school and training union classes and the deacon fellowship.

He numbered his friends by the number of people he knew and always was glad to help people far or near wherever or whenever he could.

He was married to the former Rachel Kirk of the Bethlehem community in Wake County. Rachel is an active member who has served as a teacher, in WMU, as a dedicated and faithful choir member and in many other capacities. They had two daughters, Laura and Carolyn. Aubrey died March 17, 1975.

Mae (Mabel) Roberts married Carey H. Poole. They had three sons—Charles David, Arthur Lee, and Hunter. (Charles David died in infancy)

Mae (Mabel) and Carey Poole have always supported Samaria in every way possible. Mabel served as president of WMU, teacher, choir member, and in many more capacities; and Carey served as deacon and clerk. Mr. Poole passed away May 4, 1978.

Grace Roberts married Dallas Burroughs. They had one daughter, Nancy Jane, who along with her parents was very active in the church's music program, Dallas having tuned the first electronic organ and Grace playing the piano in the Primary Department about 30 years.

The Artemus and Susan Rebecca Sugg Hunnicutt Family — This family moved to Poole Road in Raleigh around 1900. Mrs. Hunnicutt joined Samaria Church. She and her ten children attended Samaria faithfully and regularly until her death March, 1937.

The oldest child, William (Willie) Artemus, Sr., was born October 17, 1877, and was active in the church most of his life and was a member about 65 years. He was a lifetime deacon and served in other capacities. He married Addie Lillian Lassiter. She was born June 22, 1883. She transferred her letter from Ebenezer Methodist Church in 1912. She remained an active member at Samaria about 36 years. Both are buried in Samaria's Cemetery. He died July 23, 1963, and Mrs. Hunnicutt died November 6, 1942. Four children were born of this union.

1. Mary (May) Elizabeth was born November 14, 1909. She married Edley W. Wilder. They were married at Samaria on the church steps at sunrise November 25, 1933. They have two daughters—Elizabeth Virginia (Betsy) and Joan Millicent. All have been members of Samaria.

2. Willette Hunnicutt was born in 1915. She married Alex Parker Jeffreys in 1937. They have three daughters—Alice Gayle, Genevieve, and Ann Howard. All have membership at Samaria.

3. Hallie Louise Hunnicutt was born September 21, 1916. She married Sherwood Bradley in 1936. They have four children.

4. William Artemus (Teeney) Hunnicutt, Jr., was born July 15, 1919. He was married to Edna Earl Cook in 1938, and both are active members serving in many capacities in the church. Teeney is a deacon and Edna Earl has been a Sunday school teacher for children's, youth, and adult classes. They have four children, all members at Samaria—William Artemus (Billy), III, Roger Lloyd, Gerald Edward, and Susan Earl.

Carl Herbert Hunnicutt was born August 19, 1879. He married Mary Lucile Knight of Chatham County August 9, 1923. Mr. Carl Hunnicutt was a lifetime deacon of Samaria serving as superintendent, also. He was a U.S. Deputy Marshall and later a plain clothes police officer with the Raleigh Police. Mrs. Hunnicutt has taught Sunday school classes for many years and has served on many committees in the church. Currently, she graces our church each Sunday with lovely flowers serving on the "Sanctuary Flowers Committee." Mr. Hunnicutt died May 10, 1959. There are five children all of whom were members of Samaria Baptist Church.

Robert A. (Bob) Hunnicutt, the youngest of the ten children, was born in 1901. He is married to Cassie Horton, a very active member herself. Mr. Bob has been active in church work. He has taught Sunday school for many years and is a lifetime deacon. Mrs. Hunnicutt taught a young married woman's class 1945-1975. Being active in the WMU, playing the piano in Sunday school and serving on many committees are some of her church activities. They have four children—Warren, Robert A., Jr., Judith, and Ben. All have been members at Samaria.

The other four daughters and three sons of the Artemus Hunnicutt's married and moved away from Samaria.

R. M. Brooks Family — Sonny and Janie Brooks, to the people of Samaria, truly have had an active part in the history of the church. Mr. Brooks was born October 24, 1892, and Janie was born October 12, 1894. They came to Raleigh from Roxboro December 29, 1933, becoming members at Samaria in January, 1934 and until her death April 4, 1976. As long as her health would allow her to, Janie remained a very active, concerned, and loving member of Samaria Baptist Church. According to information received, at the time Janie came to Samaria there was a slump in the WMS, and she was largely responsible in getting it started back again. "Sonny" Brooks is still an active

member despite bad health problems. He has served as a trustee and is a lifelong deacon. He has also served on almost every committee in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have three children who were brought up in the church—Elva Jane, Marian, and Joyner, with Joyner serving as chairman of the deacon board before he was twenty-one years of age. Joyner also was president of B.Y.P.U. after serving a term in service.

In 1962, they donated a Baldwin piano to the church; and in memory of Janie Brooks a “Christian Education Fund” was set up at Samaria at the time of her death to aid or assist a student going into Christian education.

Miss Blanche Ford — Miss Ford is truly another “unsung hero.” She joined the church over 65 years ago and was baptized in the “Hal Williams” pond. As stated in the WMU report, she has always been very active and interested in missions in our church. She has also taught a Sunday school class for approximately 50 years and has served on many committees including the “Communion Committee.” She has served as a deaconess and has had a great influence on many lives. She has also written poetry.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. and (Blanche) Carlton — Mrs. Carlton has always been very active in WMU and has served as secretary for our church on a voluntary basis. She has also been a teacher and has served in many other capacities. Mr. Carlton served as a teacher and librarian. They have a son, James E. Carlton, Jr., who was a member at Samaria. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton had become inactive due to Mr. Carlton’s ill health for years. Mr. Carlton passed away July 18, 1978. They were both sorely missed during Mr. Carlton’s illness.

Jack Keeter — Jack Keeter, retired Raleigh Fire Chief and currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem, was born and reared in western North Carolina. He came to Raleigh in 1928. He dated Bloise Gattis, daughter of Belle and John Gattis, members of Samaria. Jack and Bloise were married in 1943.

Jack has helped Samaria Church in so many ways. To mention a few: painting the walls, finishing the floor in the sanctuary in the 1930’s building, and drawing plans for the annex and education building, serving on numerous committees, and as general superintendent, and deacon. Bloise has also been an active member, playing the piano for about eleven years.

A church as small as Samaria doesn’t ordinarily become the “choice” of two “fire chiefs.” Samaria is fortunate to have as a member Rufus Keith, Fire Chief of the Raleigh Fire Department. Chief

Keith is an active member serving as deacon and chairman of the Building Committee (for the renovation of our present church), and he and his wife Sue have served in other capacities in the church. They have two sons, Danny and Brian.

Jack and Dorothy Smith — Jack Smith is a descendant of the Williams family, charter members of the church. Jack and Dorothy are two people dedicated to God and His church, especially working with the young people. Jack has served as secretary of the Junior Department about twenty-five years. Dorothy had the first youth group in B.Y.P.U. She has served as director of several departments, has worked in Bible School and has played a big part in our music programs, serving as organist and church pianist on a voluntary basis, and playing for musicals. According to Dorothy, these were ways she could serve her Lord and church and has returned to the church every check paid to her. Dorothy and Jack Smith are deaconess and deacon. They have two sons, John and Steve, who are members at Samaria church.

The Oldest Living Member — Up until a short time ago Mrs. Mable Hodge was 95 and the oldest living member. She was the mother of Glenn Hodge. She passed away a short time ago. Now Mrs. A. L. (Donie) Honeycutt, 93 years of age, is the oldest living member as far as can be determined. She is the mother of T. M. (Manley) Honeycutt, a very active, dedicated member himself, serving as a deacon, general superintendent, director, trustee, and on almost all committees. He is married to Daphne Hodge, a very active member helping Manley in any way she can.

Mrs. Donie Honeycutt is also mother of Mrs. H. B. (Virginia) Jeffreys who has served Samaria, along with her husband Boston, in many ways.

A. C. (Jack) Honeycutt is also an active member serving as deacon, Junior Department teacher and superintendent, and has served on many committees. He has been the church Treasurer since 1960. He is married to Margaret Council, and they have three children—Deborah, Jacqueline, and Tim—who all have been members at Samaria Baptist Church.

Again, these are only a *few* of the “Unsung Heroes” who deserve recognition for the part they have played in Samaria’s history.

IN MEMORIAM

Homecoming — 1975

Nora Baker Wilder, March 9, 1884 — July 22, 1975

It is in loving memory and affectionate appreciation that today we pay special tribute to Mrs. Wilder.

Her Lord and His church always held first place in her life. Mrs. Wilder's unselfish devotion and faithful service was exemplary for her church.

As a member of Samaria for 30 years, she prayerfully and faithfully supported all phases of Baptist work. In obedience to Christ's command to spread the gospel all over the world, missions were close to her heart. Years ago, as a result of her concern and encouragement, Samaria organized its first RA program. She fervently prayed each year that the church would meet its goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. This was one of her favorite offerings, to which she gave generously and joyfully.

Mrs. Wilder was a blessing to her family and friends, and especially to her pastor to whom she was a great source of inspiration and encouragement. She was as faithful in prayer for the Lord's work as she was in giving to it.

The day before she was called to her eternal home, she expressed concern for those who were not faithful to the church, saying that she hoped her prayers for them would soon be answered.

Several memorial funds have been started in her name, one of which is the Nora Wilder Organ Fund of Samaria. Love for her can be shown by giving to this fund.

It can be said that Nora Baker Wilder was truly a saintly woman, and we praise the Lord for her life.

O. T. Luther, December 16, 1903 — August 9, 1975

The life of this man in church speaks for itself, through a very loving and faithful wife, Winnie.

We hesitate writing this, fearful we will leave some important factor out. The things most of us remember about Mr. Luther at Samaria would include his being a Sunday School teacher for many years. He was very active in Training Union. He was a choir member and never failed to lend his support, even when he was not able to sing.

At the time his and his wife's health forced him to leave Samaria and live with his son Melford in Durham, he was a lifetime deacon.

I'm sure all of our Pastors would agree that he was always willing to help out in any capacity where needed. Leading in Prayer services, visitation programs, serving as Sunday school superintendent and

witnessing as a "Lay Leader."

Mr. Luther was active in every phase of the church's work, serving on many committees over the years.

He also had another "good" talent in our church. He was a No. 1 "chef," as anyone who ever tasted food prepared by him would agree.

Samaria has already felt the loss of this man, and I'm sure it will be felt more in the future.

In summary of Mr. Luther's life in Samaria, one would have to agree the Lord's work came first, and he was truly a faithful servant to God.

Aubrey Carlton Roberts, August 7, 1908 — March 17, 1975

See write-up of the life of Aubrey Roberts under Dedication Section.



Mrs. Nora Baker Wilder



A. C. Roberts



O. T. and Winnie Luther

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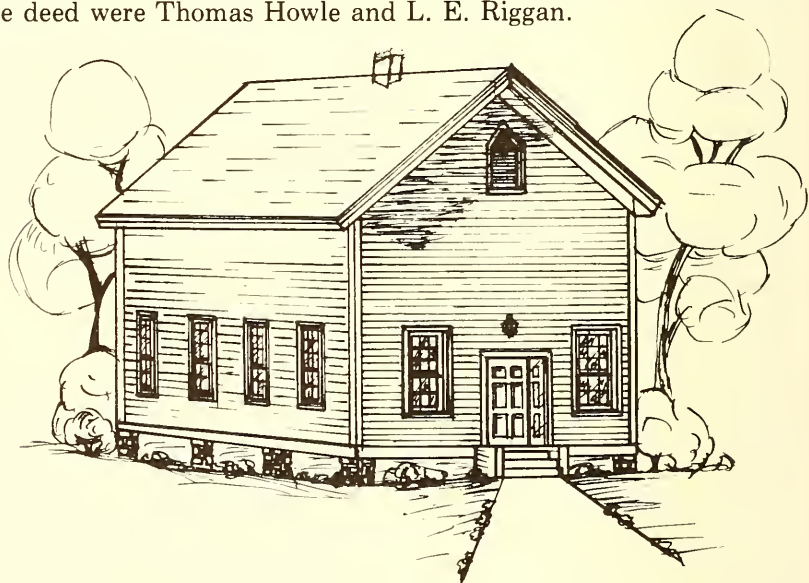
In the year of 1870, a map of Wake County was made. Shown on the map was a dirt path leading from Raleigh eastward between Crabtree Creek and Walnut Creek past the property of B. S. D. Williams, L. E. Riggan, and J. M. Pace. This community was in great need of a church, since the nearest church was in Raleigh—about four miles away. The next nearest church was Ebenezer Methodist which was about seven miles southeast. From all records available, it has been determined Mrs. Sara Purnell Williams and Thomas Chalmers first discussed the need and possibility of a Missionary Baptist Church being established in this community and soon were joined by Mrs. Williams' husband, Napoleon, Mrs. Chalmers, Hardy Bagwell, and others. Interest grew so rapidly in the community that it was decided Sunday school services would be held in an old log school house until a church could be built.



Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Pace, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Howle, Capt. Riggan, Hardy B. Bagwell and possibly others attended, but records indicate this to be the original roll. So being led by God and under the capable leadership of these dedicated unsung heroes, they saw a dream become a reality. Hardy B. Bagwell was the song leader, and N. B. Williams was secretary and clerk.

Many amusing stories have derived from the one-room Sunday school. Thomas Chalmers, a devout Baptist and Bible scholar, taught the men's class while Mrs. MacKinvale, a staunch Methodist, was prevailed upon to teach the ladies' class. On one occasion, the story goes, Mr. Chalmers was deep in the explanation of the baptizing of the four thousand when Mrs. MacKinvale interrupted Mr. Chalmers and asked, "Mr. Chalmers, will you please tell me how four thousand people could be baptized in one day?" "Well, Madam," Mr. Chalmers replied, "according to your theory, they poured water from a bucket on all of them." After a tense moment of silence, the classes proceeded in their normal manner.

An increase in interest and membership continued until it was decided a place of worship and a new building was needed. Property from the Benton and Burchette Williams estate was donated and deeded to James M. Pace, trustee of Samaria, August 29, 1877. The deed was signed by Cicero and Elizabeth Williams, W. R. and Virginia A. Perry, N. B. and Sarah A. Williams, John T. and Sarah E. Williamson, and M. N. and Mary M. Riggan. Other trustees listed on the deed were Thomas Howle and L. E. Riggan.



The first church building was constructed in 1878 with Rev. A. D. Blackwood serving as the first pastor. The church held a preaching service the third Sunday of each month. Church membership was thirty-five enrolled.

A choice location on one of the highest points of ground around Raleigh, the church was named "Samaria" which according to the dictionary means "watch mountain" but to the people of Samaria it means "a light on a hill." The church was a log structure converted into a four-room house and was later used as a home by the church janitor.

The Raleigh Baptist Associational minutes in 1878 indicate, as they held their 73rd annual session at White Stone Baptist Church, that a letter was presented from Samaria Baptist Church, Wake County, petitioning membership. Upon satisfaction of orthodox constitution, on motion, the church was received into the fellowship of the Association.

The second building was erected in 1880, a frame structure 40' x 60'. The bell was added when the belfry was repaired in 1917. (Some of the older church members claim there was no bell, but according to the historical Baptist library in Winston-Salem where our records were kept, there was a bell so the question is: Where is the bell?)

A cemetery was laid out on the north section of the church property for its members, and it was voted for the northwest corner of the ground to be used for those people who were not members of any church.

The first pump organ was purchased June 10, 1882, in spite of much heated discussion. Some of the members were very much opposed to the organ saying it was an "instrument of the devil" and that it was a luxury they could not afford.

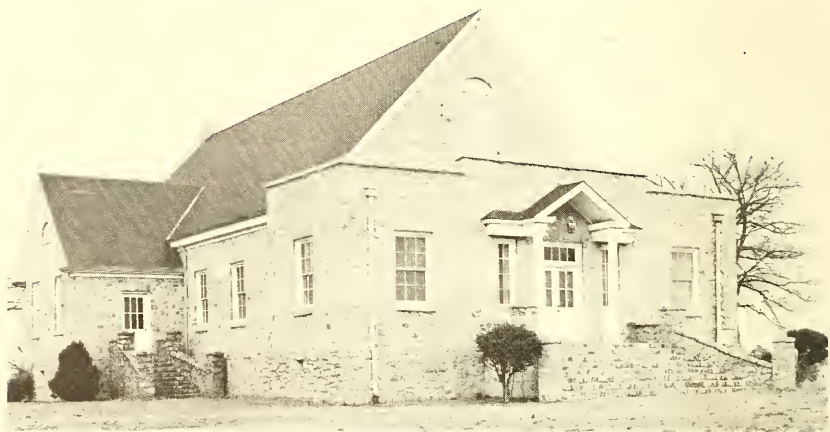
Church membership increased in 1888 to 89. In about 1900 the church became so weak it applied to the First Baptist Church for help and became a mission. In 1903, Samaria's membership was 32, and Samaria remained a mission until 1903 when improved conditions made it possible to withdraw from the First Baptist Church and to become an independent church again.

Samaria was a member of the Raleigh Association 1878-1900. We find no records on reports until 1903 at which time the church joined Central Association and remained until 1944 when it rejoined the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Fluctuation of church membership has been evident throughout the first one hundred years. In 1910, church membership was 51. From the Associational minutes in 1913, E. P. Wiggs, R. H. Griffin, and S. A. Liles were Samaria's representatives. North Carolina Baptists tried to make Baptist principles felt in every educational center of our State. Also, from the meeting's minutes of 1912, total monies for benevolents was \$7,682.13 and for the closing year \$10,557; in 1912

there were 277 baptisms, and for the closing year only 133, falling off 100 percent. The minutes read, "We conclude our people were not sufficiently concerned for the salvation of the men and women and children who walk daily by our sides. Our people are so busy trying to make money that they can't take time to care for the lost at their own doors." Church membership in 1915 was 82 and in 1917, 91.

Samaria found herself in a great transitional period in 1920, the aftermath of World War I. Membership enrollment was 111 in 1920. Baptist Young People's Union (B.Y.P.U.) began in 1924 with R. A. (Bob) Hunnicutt as its first director and a membership of 27. In 1928, the membership was 88, and in 1938 the membership was 176.



The third building was dedicated December 7, 1930, by Dr. Charles Maddry. Samaria is a stone structure with Gothic architecture and stands as a monument to community enterprise and cooperation, an example in the beauty of its architecture. One finds it interesting that when the present building was dedicated the following paragraph was written:

People who have viewed the new building have marveled at the ability of a small rural congregation to finance such a handsome new church during such hard times, estimating the cost to be around \$30,000, and according to the church's present pastor, Rev. E. H. Gattis of Raleigh, that only about \$6,000 in actual cash has gone into the building. The rest has been made possible through the donations of friends and through the cooperation of every member and people of the community creating an unusual and inspiring story of unselfish teamwork.

Many accounts of this teamwork have been given through the years. Dr. Eugene Howle's grandmother is said to have driven a team of horses from her home place on Rock Quarry Road to bring logs for the building of the old church. Cobblestones were used on the church that were once used on the streets of Raleigh before the city replaced them with pavement. Gutters were used for window ledges for the construction of the church which were resurfaced to bring out the beautiful warm colors. Rufus Hodge, a member and a city employee, was instrumental in getting the cobblestones donated to the church.

Samaria was fortunate to be able to hire good laborers with knowledge of handling cement and stone very reasonably, due to the high unemployment rate at the time. J. J. Blair, Director of School Buildings Planning of the State Board of Education, was an interested friend and helper and declared people at Samaria to be one of the finest examples of community spirit he had ever seen. Other churches were visited by the pastor and members to get ideas. Rev. Gattis drew a rough sketch; and Murray Nelson, a Raleigh architect, drew the plans.

Brick from Mr. Gattis's old grocery store on Person and Pace Streets were used for the foundation of the church. Lighting was provided by Sam Marley, and the building was wired by Alan Hodge, a member, and Mr. Lindsay, who was a non-member, donating their time to the church.

Pews from the old church were re-stained and used in the new sanctuary. Old opera chairs, once used in the Superba Theatre and purchased at a small cost, were used in the classrooms.

At one time members were asked to give a dime for each year of his or her age. Mrs. Nannie Jackson raised and sold flowers to make the first contribution, and many others pledged to give contributions above their regular offering each Sunday.

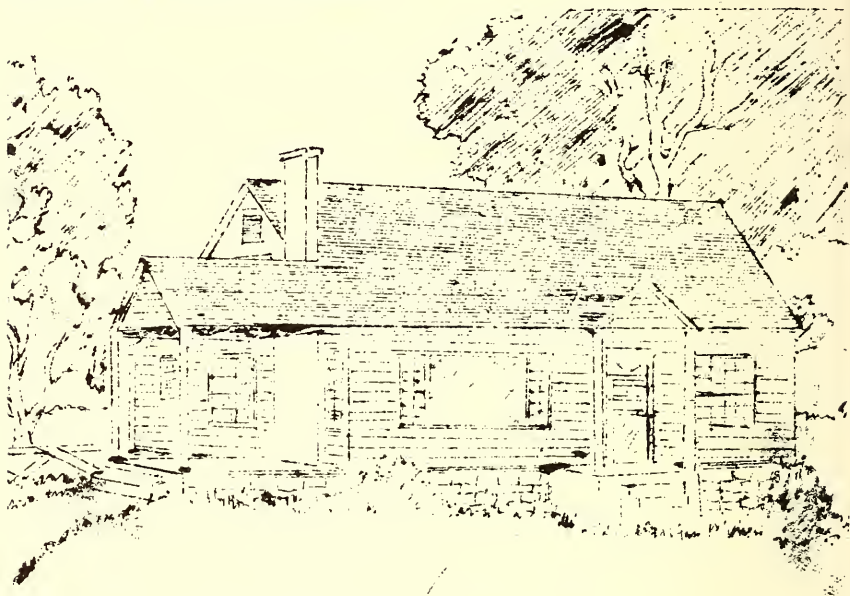
Also of interest to the reader, we are told at one time that from the churchyard there was an unbroken view across wood and fields to the tall buildings of the city to the west and to points on the far horizon to the north that mark the town of Wake Forest. From the preacher's desk, when the doors of the church were open, landmarks on Garner Road to the south could be viewed. Just at the edge of the woods in back of the church were the old slave burying grounds of the Williams family, and near the old farmhouse is a rock that served as an Indian camp in olden times, proved by many arrowheads and an old Indian oven.

Church services were held every second and fourth Sunday morning with Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. being held every Sunday. Young

men and women of the Sunday school were trained to take charge of the church services on the Sundays Samaria did not have a pastor.

Samaria continued to grow and in 1944 began to support a full-time preaching ministry. Church membership in 1945 was 185.

Early in 1950 an annex to the sanctuary, including the pastor's study and indoor plumbing, was added. This was completed in eight months at a cost of \$15,062.05.



A pastorium was built and Rev. Parks Harris and family moved in the house in February in 1952.

Continual growth warranted an educational building, and work was completed in January 1958 at a cost of \$52,252. Again, the same cobblestones from the streets of Raleigh were used on the educational building. On February 23, 1958, the baptistry was dedicated with Carolyn Roberts being the first to be baptized.

On March 22, 1961, a central air conditioning contract was given.

Also in 1961, stained glass windows were installed with windows being donated by families in honor and memory of those passed on.

On May 22, 1963, a motion was made and passed as follows, "If the Negroes come to Samaria Church in the spirit of worship and do not have newsmen or photographers, to let them in and welcome them for worship."

In 1966 church membership was 476, and Sunday school enrollment was 204.

In 1967, the people of Samaria started the prison ministry, visiting Johnston County Prison Camp for Youthful First Offenders, and visiting the Raleigh Rescue Mission and the community rest home sponsored by the WMU.

The church has on its payroll the following: organist, secretary, custodian, minister of music, and minister of education and youth to help our minister and church go forward.

The "Brotherhood" was begun in approximately 1960 with the men feeling a need for missions.

Mr. Bency Smith was the first minister of education. He published the *Visitor*. He and his wife and two daughters attended Samaria, and Bency is now serving as pastor in the Winston-Salem area.

In 1973, the fellowship hall was renovated and named "Hinson Hall" in honor of Sara and Jack Hinson, our thirty-fourth pastor.

A ladies' Sunday school class called the "Mary Martha Bible Class" made and published a "Samaria Baptist Church Cookbook" in 1973, which included favorite recipes of members and friends. With the monies made from this cookbook, the members furnished the church kitchen including kitchen cabinets, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, silver, etc. in the amount of about \$3,500. There was a balance of \$1,376 and some few cents, and this was contributed to the building fund in 1978.

The tape ministry was begun in 1976 by Mrs. Sue (Creighton) Williams. This is a very worthwhile ministry since she makes tapes of every Sunday morning service and many Sunday evening services. After Mrs. Williams makes these tapes, she, Mrs. Elaine Hatcher (our pastor's wife) and sometimes other dedicated members take these tapes on a regular basis with a recorder to the shut-ins in the church enabling them to hear God's message. The following is a list of those who have donated recorders for use in this ministry:

Two recorders were given by the church.

Mr. David Boggs

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Sarah) Wilder

Mrs. Myra Norwood

Ladies Bible Class, Mr. and Mrs. James (Blanche) Carlton, and Mrs. Annie Liles (2 recorders)

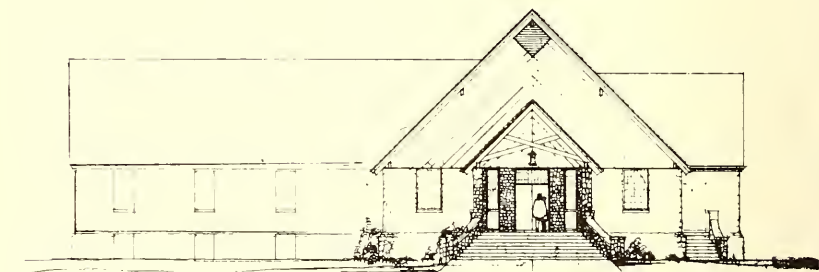
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Vivian) Carter and Mrs. Martha Truelove

A total number of contacts in three years through this tape ministry is 786 through July 1978.

The church has made many other improvements over the years including adding pew cushions and carpet.

Again, Samaria has experienced a great community transitional period. Let's take a look at the fluctuation during the last ten years:

Year	Sunday School Enrollment	Church Enrollment
1968	453	514
1969	441	508
1970	445	523
1971	393	554
1972	382	575
1973	385	580
1974	294	577
1975	242	573
1976	215	566
1977	207	567



Architect's Sketch

The church is presently embarking on a renovation program at an approximate cost of \$95,000 providing we can raise \$30,000. If it is God's Will and we can raise the \$30,000, we will go into a church bond drive and sell bonds for the balance.

Samaria Church has experienced many adversities during her first 100 years, but with God's help and guidance her people have always been able to overcome these hardships.

During the week of August 6-11, 1978, a Sunday revival was held. This revival was led by Mr. Leon Kilbreth and was sponsored by five of our area Baptist churches. These were Calvary, Longview, Hillcrest, Emmanuel, and Samaria. Mr. Kilbreth is truly a remarkable

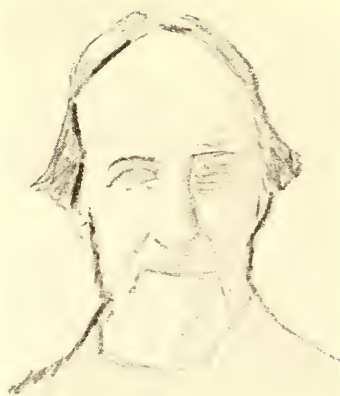
person and dedicated to doing God's work. This revival centered on how to build up a Sunday school's attendance and how to win souls for Christ. Those attending from Samaria came away with a new and optimistic outlook for our church. Their only regret was that more people from Samaria could not be there to hear first hand the message that God surely meant for them to hear.

So let us listen to what Mr. Kilbreth said and go out and bring in the sheaves. Enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm. Our prayer at Samaria may well be: God, give us wisdom, truth, and most of all when we have departed from Samaria to be able to say: "We have fought a good fight, we have kept the faith, we have finished our course."

(II Timothy—4:7)



Samaria Sunday School
Approximately 1935



REV. ALEXANDER DOUGHAN BLACKWOOD

First Pastor Served Samaria

1878-1879

Rev. A. D. Blackwood was born in Orange County, North Carolina, June 10, 1820. He was a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestry, tracing the family name to the Black Forest in Germany. The Blackwood family was among the early settlers in the state and all were staunch Presbyterians. As a young man, Alexander made a profession of faith. After his conversion, he developed great concern over the method of his baptism. After much anxiety and prayer, one night he heard a voice commanding him to be immersed. Upon resolving to obey the command, it was said he found peace, happiness, and restful sleep.

The following day he asked for a leave of absence from his job as a clerk in Chapel Hill. He was baptized by immersion at Mt. Moriah in November 1838. He was ordained a minister in December 1848 in Alabama.

Information received has it that he considered his first sermon to be a success since it was spoken from the heart. The second sermon was written, and he always attributed the failure of the sermon to this. After this, he used only brief notes. During most of his forty-four years' ministry he was the faithful pastor of four or five churches. One who knew about his work said he never missed an appointment. He traveled on poor roads in coldest of winters and hottest of summers without losing his zeal and earnestness. He was married to Nancy H. Horton January 5, 1853. He was a Mason and member of Lodge No. 408, Hall of University Chapel Hill. He served as moderator of the Raleigh Association for nine years. He remained alert even during his last illness.

He died March 2, 1888, with funeral services being held in University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill and was buried in a nearby cemetery.



REV. WILLIAM ROBERT GWALTNEY

Second Pastor Served Samaria

1880-1882

William Gwaltney, third child of Howell Lashley and Elsie Gwaltney, was born September 9, 1835, in Alexander County, North Carolina. He united with Pilgrim Church there in 1853. He attended schools in his neighborhood, York Collegiate Institute, and the Academy. He entered Wake Forest College in the fall of 1859 but discontinued his studies to volunteer as a private in the first regiment in North Carolina in May, 1862. He was appointed Colporteur by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention at its session that year but was unable to accept because he was appointed chaplain of the same regiment December 30, 1862, and served in Lee's Army until resigning in December, 1863 due to ill health. He was ordained in Taylorsville in 1863. He was active in his work; many soldiers professed faith; and he often baptized in the Shenandoah and Rapidan Rivers.

He was active in one of the greatest religious areas in military service in General Lee's Army during the winter of 1863-64. Officers and men met as brethren in Christ and labored for the salvation of souls. In 1867, he returned to Wake Forest College, but the college was so pressed for funds that he was unable to get aid. He thought of leaving; but Dr. Wingate, a pastor who had to be away from home much of the time, requested Brother Gwaltney to stay with his family as a protector, giving him his board. He accepted the offer, aiding in cutting wood, working in the garden or in any other work that needed to be

done, thus enabling him to finish his studies and graduate in June that same year.

In October he accepted a call to a Baptist church in Hillsboro, North Carolina. The church house was incomplete so services were held in the basement. Money had been contributed to complete the church, but due to Confederate money becoming valueless, a need for one thousand six hundred dollars still existed.

This was Brother Gwaltney's first experience in church building, but with the assistance of Mrs. Graham, a member of the church, soon raised the needed funds. Although a man of remarkable nerve and one who had the courage to stand up for his convictions, he was an extremely modest man and unappreciative of his own abilities. He sometimes failed in his sermons and became discouraged, even to the point of quitting or going elsewhere. Again, Mrs. Graham was, at his request, a critic and perhaps encouraged him to stay more than anyone. In conducting Mrs. Graham's funeral services, he spoke of her influence in his life saying that if he had ever accomplished anything in life, he owed it largely to that influence. She was attentive to the needs of his family, and this caused the two families to feel an affection near to kinship. He gradually overcame his diffidence and remained at Hillsboro until 1872. He held many preaching jobs after this, one of these being the courthouse at Mocksville with twelve members. He was very active in promoting the formation of the South Yadkin Association.

While being in a town where the wealthy people would not join the poor church he preached in, he made this remark to a wealthy prospective member, "Brother, if you are not the friend of Jesus Christ in his poverty, when he gets rich he will not need you." This same brother joined the church becoming an active member. Rev. Gwaltney was involved in many building programs and was a person who always offered encouragement. He died in 1907.



REV. JAMES HILLIARD BOOTH

Third Pastor Served Samaria

1883

Rev. J. H. Booth graduated from Wake Forest College. He held pastorates at Johnson Liberty and Lincolnton Churches. According to records, he was a Baptist minister and also an adventist. He was a journalist.

REV. DUNCAN McLEOD

Fourth Pastor Served Samaria

1885-1886

Duncan McLeod was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was licensed to preach by Sandy Level Church and was ordained in the Tabernacle Church of Raleigh January 11, 1885. His pastorates up to 1899 were Samaria, Salem, Swift Creek, Bethlehem, Beaufort, Washington, and Selma in North Carolina and Petersburg, Western Branch,, Caloose, and Portsmouth in Virginia.

He held several pastorates in the State during the Twentieth Century, but we were unable to locate anything else other than he was a good minister serving his Master well and got along well with his brethren.

REV. P. GUION HOPPER

Fifth Pastor Served Samaria
1887

Rev. P. G. Hopper was the son of Posey Hopper and was born in 1864. According to minutes of Samaria in 1887-88, Rev. Hopper was from York County, South Carolina. Buffaloe Church was written for his letter stating Samaria had called him as its pastor and asked them to send Samaria a request to have him ordained. On April 15, 1888, Brother Hopper read his letter and was ordained May 20, 1888. He married Mary McArthur, and they had two children. Another pastorate was a church at Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

The last information located tells us of the tragic account of both Rev. and Mrs. Hopper, drinking poison water and both dying the same day.

REV. S. H. THOMPSON

According to Samaria's Minutes in 1888

Rev. S. H. Thompson was called to preach, accepted the call, but then resigned before preaching at Samaria.



Rev. Malicus Addison Adams

REV. MALICUS ADDISON ADAMS

Seventh Pastor Served Samaria

1889-1890

M. A. Adams, the oldest son of James Henry and Elizabeth Parker Adams, was born in Wilson County, North Carolina, November 15, 1867. He grew up on a farm and had few advantages, following the Civil War and during reconstruction days. He was eager for an education reading everything he could borrow. He worked his way through Littleton Academy. Later, he entered Wake Forest to study the ministry. While a student at Wake Forest, he married Florence Baugh of Wake County. They had five children.

Rev. Adams held pastorates in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and South Carolina. He also did work for the Endowment Fund of Chowan Institute, Baptist Centennial Fund, Home Mission Board of North Carolina, and was well known as a successful evangelist. At the time of his death he was a field worker for the "United Drys of North Carolina." Rev. Adams was concerned for *all* people and made this remark in 1913:

There is danger that increasing Southern wealth shall lead men to drown the voice of spiritual appeal in the noise of the marketplace. There is a danger now that the world has become a single community, that we shall have humanity in the abstract and forget to love our neighbors in their own persons. There is danger that hasty effort on the part of some of our churches to adjust themselves to new and involved social service requirements may betray us into wrong emphasis!!! Christianity means better living conditions among men but the supreme business of the church is to produce the better conditions by producing better men and women.

Rev. Adams died May 15, 1943, and is buried in Statesville, North Carolina.

S. E. (or J. E.) GREEN

Eighth Pastor Served Samaria

1891

No records available.

REV. J. J. HALL
Ninth Pastor Served Samaria
1895

Dr. J. J. Hall was born in London, England, in 1849. He studied and trained at Spurgeon Theological Seminary. He was ordained in Farnham, Quebec, Canada. He held pastorates in New Hampshire, Minnesota, Maine, Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. Rev. Hall pastored Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1890-1893. He was president of the World Peace Association in 1918. He died July 1921 at seventy-two years of age and was brought to Fayetteville for burial since he had a son living there.



REV. J. J. HUTCHINSON
Tenth Pastor Served Samaria
1895

J. J. Hutchinson was born in Granville County on April 5, 1834. Most of his life was spent in Wake County. He had farming interests and was in the Christian ministry for forty years. Rev. Hutchinson was married first to Lacy Nipper and after her death married Ernie Booker Olive. He was greatly interested in religious work, not only in preaching the gospel but aided in practical ways in support of benevolent institutions. Mr. Hutchinson was instrumental in erecting Mills Home in Thomasville which he enjoyed visiting on every opportunity.

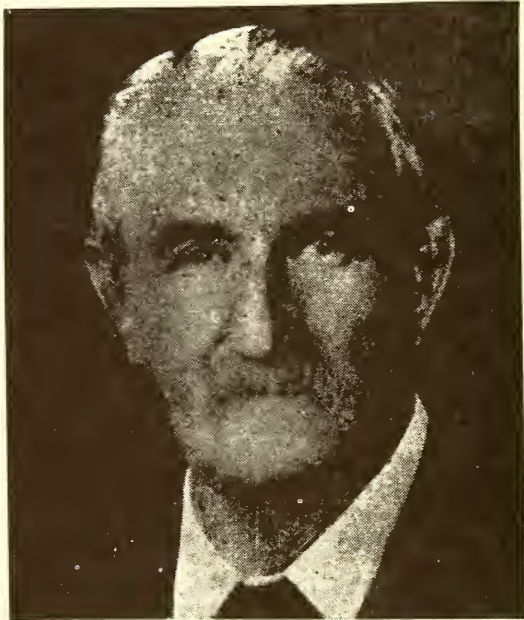
He died May 12, 1929, in Raleigh and is buried in the family burial ground at the old home place near Bay Leaf Church.

REV. W. M. JACKSON
Eleventh Pastor Served Samaria
1898-1900

Unable to locate any records or acquire information.

REV. R. S. STEPHENSON
Twelfth Pastor Served Samaria
1903-1905

From information received, I believe R. S. Stephenson was an associate pastor for First Baptist Church of which Samaria was a mission. He was also a missionary and supplied our church as pastor.



REV. JOSEPH MARCELLUS HILLIARD

Thirteenth Pastor Served Samaria

1906

Joseph Marcellus Hilliard was born in 1850 in Wake County. His parents were James W. and Harriet Broadwell Hilliard. He was educated in the Yates Academy and Wake Forest College. He was ordained September 20, 1880, at Mount Pisgah Church. He married Mary Colson Hinton. "Uncle Joe," as he was affectionately known, was loved by the children in the community. He was a great one for singing old hymns in homes where he visited. In fact, the first time some of the children ever heard "Amazing Grace" and "Shall We Gather at the River" was when he sang them. He died in 1939 and is buried at the Green Level Cemetery in Wake County, North Carolina.

REV. ALSEY DALTON HUNTER

Fourteenth Pastor Served Samaria

1907-1908

A. D. Hunter was born in Wake County near Holly Springs, North Carolina, July 15, 1856. He was the son of Isaac Hunter. He made profession of faith in Christ at the age of twelve years. He was educated at Holly Springs High School, Apex Academy, Wake Forest College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the full work of the Gospel ministry June 2, 1882, at Holly Springs Church. He was married three times. His first was to Emma Gunter of Durham County. They had two daughters. After his first wife's death, he married Irene Walker of Cary, North Carolina. They had four children. After her death, he married Betsy M. Rodwell of Warren County. They had two daughters.

Rev. Hunter was known as one of the best pastors serving the greater part of the churches of the Raleigh Association. He was an earnest and willing worker. A man of strong convictions, he was true to his belief and would not yield to that which he felt was wrong.

Rev. Hunter made a brief appearance on the political scene before his death. He died suddenly at his home in Cary, North Carolina, November 23, 1908.

REV. SIDNEY CECIL HILLIARD

Fifteenth Pastor Served Samaria

1909

S. C. Hilliard was born in Wake County December 5, 1885. He held a pastorate in Greensboro and was a victim of the influenza epidemic, and death came at an early age. He died October 27, 1918, and is buried at Green Level Church Cemetery in Wake County, North Carolina.

REV. LUCIOUS LOWELL HUDSON

Sixteenth Pastor Served Samaria

1910

L. L. Hudson was born January 1, 1879, in Granville County. His parents were John G. and Nellie Hudson. He married Tempie Lou Delbridge. They had four children—Ruth, Wynonia, Margaret, and Lowell.

Pastorates include Toba Creek, North Carolina, and he served as interim pastor at West Oxford Church. He died March 8, 1947, and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Oxford, North Carolina.



REV. G. TITUS MILLS

Seventeenth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-fifth Pastor Served Samaria
(1913-1919), (1926-1928), (1937-1940)

Samaria Baptist Church has received blessings too numerous to mention in her first hundred years. One of the greatest blessings has to be messengers God has called to Samaria to carry out his great Commission as found in his Holy Word, Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 19-20. One of the finest examples of this blessing can be found in the life of Rev. G. T. Mills.

G. T. Mills, the son of Green Clemmons and Evelyn Mills, was born December 2, 1878, in western Wake County between Green Level and Olive Chapel Baptist Churches. He was baptized into the membership of Green Level in August 1891 by Rev. G. W. Blanchard. In April, 1894, he moved his membership to Olive Chapel Church.

He received preparation for the ministry at Buie's Creek Academy and Wake Forest College. He was ordained in 1896 at Olive Chapel. Mr. Mills was married, first to Callie Williams from Buie's Creek on October 23, 1904. Two boys and five girls were born to this union. Af-

ter his first wife's death, he married Electa Farrar on June 11, 1921, from Wake County. Two children—a girl and a boy—were born to this marriage. Mrs. Mills still resides in the Green level Community with the daughter and son-in-law, Ben Travis. The son, Rev. William T. (Bill) Mills, is the pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Raleigh. William has played a part in Samaria history himself, since he came to church with his father many times when he preached. In later years, William preached at revivals himself and is guest speaker for the Homecoming service October 8, 1978. Rev. G. T. Mills was sure he wanted to preach early in life, but just as early and just as surely came the prayerful conviction that study and knowledge of the Bible and the "Will of God" must undergird his future. Study to show thyself approved unto God may well be said to have motivated the life of this man. On the flyleaf of a family Bible in his own handwriting are the words: "At eighteen I worked in my first revival with Brother J. M. White at Salem Baptist Church." This spiritual force and often it seemed little else (as W. T. Tate of Wake Forest can attest) enabled Brother Mills to complete work for a B.A. Degree at Wake Forest College, after he was married and had a family of fine children.

He preached in Wake, Harnett, Chatham, and Durham Counties for over forty years serving the following churches: Bethlehem, Collin's Grove, Good Hope, New Hill, Holly Springs, Mount Zion, Pleasant Grove, Wendell, Baptist Grove, Cumberland Union (twice), Piney Grove, Macedonia, White Oak, Antioch, Clyde's Chapel, Bells, Bethesda, Lowe's Grove, Mount Pisgah, Merry Oaks, Samaria (three times), and Green Level from 1920 to 1944.

His love for and devotion to his home and family remained until his death and was an outstanding characteristic of his self-sacrificing life. His service in churches of which he was pastor was marked by a progressive outlook, abiding friendship, and a fearless but joyful challenge to grow, to serve, and to believe in and steadfastly cling to Christ as his personal Savior.

Added to the emphasis he placed on religious life was his interest in civic and educational affairs, particularly in the Green Level Community where he lived. He made music a vital part of his home and of the church services.

G. T. Mills was a good man, kind, hospitable, generous, forgiving, and preached with a zealous compulsion that each individual must be strong for right. In his own life, he went about his Father's business, meriting the crown but never losing sight of the Cross. He died October 11, 1944, and is buried at Green Level Church Cemetery, Wake County.

REV. B. G. EARLEY

Eighteenth Pastor Served Samaria
1920-1922

B. G. Earley was born in Hertford County, North Carolina, September 17, 1869. His parents were B. A. and Marina Lassiter Earley. Rev. Earley was educated in Winton Schools and Wake Forest College and was ordained on April 29, 1900. He married Nacia Godwin on March 13, 1891. Eight children were born of this union and a son, Waldo D. Earley, quoting: "Thank God for parents who gave life, nurtured, and cared for the eight children and left us a heritage of which we can be gratefully proud."

Rev. Earley was a Baptist minister more than sixty years and was pastor of many rural and village churches in eastern North Carolina. He would drive his faithful horse for miles to reach the people in remote and scattered communities. The salary was often small, but the rewards were great. The joy of serving, living, preaching the gospel, winning the lost, comforting the downhearted were his biggest joy. In about 1910, he went to Beulaville. There was a need for a church building. Mr. Earley was the first with his hammer and saw on the job. His prayers, plans, and labors went into this building project as in many other building projects down through the years.

Rev. Earley passed away October 1961 at the age of 92. "He lived a long and useful life, and recalling his devotion to duty, let us raise a prayer of thankfulness to the Lord who I feel had a word of commendation for his servant. Well done, ye good and faithful."



REV. GROVER C. TEAGUE
Nineteenth Pastor Served Samaria
1923

G. C. Teague pastored Samaria while attending Wake Forest College. Following graduation, he was called to Lowe's Creek Church, Lenoir, North Carolina. After serving there five years, he attended Southeastern Seminary. He was married October 1919 and had one son and one daughter. His son Forrest served as pastor of Samaria Church near Zebulon and later went to Shelby. He died in 1969. His widow is Jean M. Teague, a missionary associate in Amman, Jordan.

Grover Teague held several pastorates in North Carolina and one in Tennessee. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Union Baptist Church in the Kings Mountain Association. He died of a heart attack October 10, 1952.

REV. ROBERT A. GARDNER
Twentieth Pastor Served Samaria
1923-1925

Unable to locate any records.

REV. G. T. MILLS
Twenty-first Pastor Served Samaria
1926-1928

REV. ECKIE HAYWOOD GATTIS
Twenty-second Pastor Served Samaria
1929-1930

Eckie Gattis, born November 12, 1888, in Raleigh, North Carolina, was one of thirteen children with two sets of twins in the family. He was the son of Robert E. and Louella Williams Gattis.

Eckie attended A & M College, currently known as N. C. State University, and Wake Forest College. He was married twice. He was a partner of Leroy Allen in the first Cash Grocery Store on the corner of Blount and Hargett Streets in the Montague Building in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Gattis later bought out his partner and moved his grocery store to the corner of North Person and Pace Streets.

Samaria Church was just a stone's throw to Eckie's Grandfather Benton Williams' old plantation so when he decided to preach, he found his first pastorate at this church.

Brick from Mr. Gattis' old grocery store, when it was torn down, were used for the foundation of the new addition of the church, and he helped in many other ways in building the new addition.

He died at age sixty-four in 1952.

REV. S. L. MORGAN
Twenty-third Pastor Served Samaria
1931-1932

Rev. S. L. Morgan served a number of North Carolina churches over a period of fifty years. His first pastorate was at Littleton, North Carolina, 1904-1907. He then assumed the Maxton-Red Springs pastorate. It was there he met his wife. Other pastorates include First Church, Burlington, 1909-1912; First Church, Henderson, 1912-1922; Ramseur-Franklinville, 1922-1923; First Church, Smithfield, 1923-1931; Caraleigh-Ephesus and Samaria in Raleigh, 1931-1934; and Creedmoor, 1934-1939.

He retired in 1939 to live in Wake Forest where he continued a highly active writing career for religious periodicals and newspapers for almost thirty more years. Many of these articles and letters were printed in the *Biblical Recorder*. One of his strong convictions we remember best was feeling that only a minimum amount should be spent on funerals. He could really get worked up on this one. According to the same article in the *Biblical Recorder* in 1971, he enjoyed strong health until one and one-half years prior to 1971 when he was transferred from the Hamilton Baptist Home to the Infirmary

Section at the home in Winston-Salem. Rev. Morgan celebrated his 100th birthday at the Baptist Home in Winston-Salem in 1971 with his four children who came from all over the U.S. to attend. Mrs. Morgan died in 1961, two years after their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

A scholarship fund was set up in Rev. Morgan's name at Southeastern Seminary in light of his Christian ministry and long residence at Wake Forest.



REV. HOMER O. BAKER
Twenty-fourth Pastor Served Samaria
1933-1936

Rev. Homer O. Baker was called to preach on October 18, 1928. He, his wife, and their two small children left for Fruitland, which was then under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. Later, he graduated from Wake Forest and Southern Seminary.

During his ministry, Rev. Baker served the following churches: Rolesville, Youngsville, Pearce, Mt. Moriah, Mountain Home, Etowah, Oak Grove, Oakhurst in Charlotte, Southside in Mooresville, and Second Church in Shelby. Over the years, he has held revivals in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio, North Dakota, Maryland, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

Rev. Baker was a chaplain in World War II serving overseas in Africa and Italy. He retired from active ministry in December 1969 after forty-one years of preaching. He and his wife Victoria are living in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

REV. G. T. MILLS
Twenty-fifth Pastor Served Samaria
1937-1940



REV. E. C. WILKIE
Twenty-sixth Pastor Served Samaria
1941-1942

Rev. E. C. Wilkie, Jr., was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 7, 1920. He attended high school at the Mills Home in Thomasville, North Carolina, Wake Forest College, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

He is married to Nancy Stroup, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Stroup of Spruce Pine, North Carolina. They have three children.

He was ordained at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh in 1941. His first pastorate was Pleasant Grove Church in Spring Hope, North Carolina. However, for a while he also pastored Samaria and North Henderson, N.C. Rev. Wilkie says he claims all three to be his first pastorate. In addition to other pastorates in North Carolina and Texas, Rev. Wilkie has also served as pastor and recreational director at the Kennedy Home, Kinston, North Carolina, for five years. He served as associational missionary in the Mount Zion Association, Burlington, North Carolina, four years and has been promotional assistant in the Stewardship Division of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for twenty-two years. He has spoken in over two thousand churches during this time.

Those who have known and still know Rev. Wilkie believe he is a very active and dedicated man of God, ready to serve in any capacity where he is needed.



REV. WILSON PADGETT
Twenty-seventh Pastor Served Samaria
1943

Wilson Padgett was born in Forest City, North Carolina.



REV. FRANK EUGENE DEESE
Twenty-eighth Pastor Served Samaria
1944-1946

Frank Eugene Deese, son of Florence Woodard and Frank Deese, was born September 13, 1920, at Wingate, North Carolina. He attended Wingate and Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He held other pastorates in North Carolina. When he and his wife, the former Gaynelle Cook, were at Samaria, she was pianist. Four children were born to this union.

Frank Eugene Deese entered the U. S. Army as a chaplain, serving at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Ft. Ord, California; Ft. Sheridan, Illinois; Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; and is now stationed in Germany on his third tour. He is now a colonel and is still in the chaplaincy.

In, 1950 when Chaplain Deese was serving in the Korean conflict an article appeared in the *Biblical Recorder*:

Eugene Deese is Circuit Rider in the Mekong Delta Infested with 300,000 Viet Cong Reds

Vinh Long, South Vietnam. The chaplain's sermon for the day was on brotherly love and "a life worth living forever." After he had delivered it, he climbed in behind the mounted machine gun and headed for his next pulpit, 15 miles away by jeep.

Maj. Frank Eugene Deese is a Southern Baptist who affects the role of a country bumpkin while quoting classic Greek. He's also an authentic circuit rider—covering some of the most dangerous country in the world. His circuit is the Mekong Delta, where there are an estimated 300,000 Viet Cong Reds.

Each Sunday, by jeep, helicopter and plane the chaplain travels 250 miles to preach at five posts. He takes with him a small altar and a sunny disposition that makes him welcome wherever he goes.

"I've got with me today Jim Lucas of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers," he told them this Sunday for a change of pace. "He's an old Methodist boy, but he's heard this Baptist sermon four times already and if the Viet Cong get me he's got it memorized by now."

Major Deese, of Greensboro, N.C., knows what it is to be shot at. In fact, it happens every Sunday, and sometimes during the week if he holds Bible classes. He has not been downed yet, though his predecessor was hit twice.

Highways Frequently Mined

Major Deese arrived here just before Christmas. The last lap of his circuit—from Vinh Long to Sa Dec—is by jeep, over 15 miles of Viet Cong-infested highway which is frequently mined. He makes the run at breakneck speed, hoping he won't hit anything. He crosses streams over which bridges have been blown and repaired, and are likely to be blown again.

"You don't worry about it," he says. "My men are waiting for me, and I don't intend to let them down. I like to think they look forward to seeing their chaplain. If they can go to these places, I

can, too. Sometimes they'll try to trick me into staying.

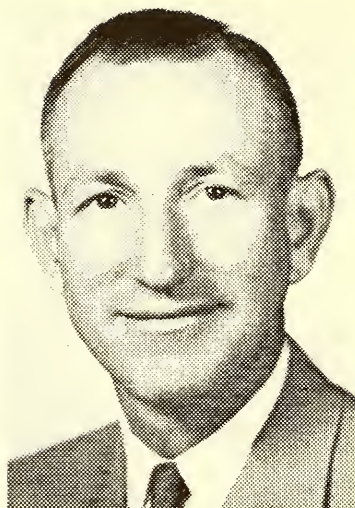
"They'll feed me their best chow, and they'll say, 'Chaplain, stick around a little longer and chew the fat with us.' But I'll say, 'Shucks, boys, there's another bunch awaiting down the Mekong, and you wouldn't want me to neglect their eternal souls, now would you?'"

The chaplain tries to function as a conscience for his men. Frequently, he says, he'll approach one and ask why he hasn't been to church.

"That boy will sometimes say, 'Chaplain back home my father has been superintendent of the Sunday school for 25 years and my mother sings in the choir.' Now what kind of answer is that?"

Straight From Shoulder

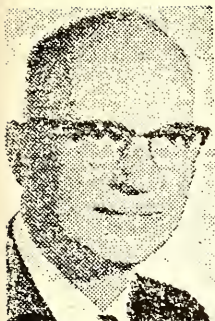
Negroes and whites sit together in Major Deese's congregations, which range in size from eight to 50. They meet in mess halls, barracks or out in the open. He preaches straight from the shoulder.



REV. LONNIE M. WOOLWEAVER
Twenty-ninth Pastor Served Samaria
1947-1950

Rev. L. M. Woolweaver was born February 19, 1911, in Gallipolis, Ohio. His parents were L. H. and Lucy M. Johnson Woolweaver. He attended Campbell and Wake Forest Colleges, and he and his wife Mary received training in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. He was ordained in 1943. His first pastorate was Midway Baptist Church in Haltom City, Texas. He married the former Mary E. McDaniel, and they had two children and grandchildren. Mary and Lonnie live in Raleigh. Other pastorates include Fort Worth, Texas, Oakdale, Southside, and Union Churches in Rocky Mount, Elm City, Bethlehem, and after leaving Samaria, Lonnie and Mary served Ephesus Baptist Church on the Cary Highway diligently and faithfully for twenty-four years. Mary was active in W.M.S. work, director of music, secretary, and active in youth and educational activities in Ephesus. They retired from Ephesus in January, 1976.

An article in the *Raleigh Times* concerning this retirement said membership grew from 369 to 850 members in twenty-four years. Everyone who knew them wished and still wishe for them a very satisfying retirement and one that already proves to be a useful one with Rev. Woolweaver being a supply pastor and with both he and Mary remaining very active in and dedicated to the Lord's work.

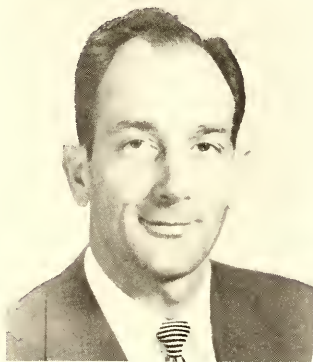


DR. RALPH McLAIN

Thirtieth Pastor Served Samaria as Supply Pastor
1950

Dr. Ralph McLain was born November 3, 1909. He did graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, Union Theological Seminary in New York, the University of Chicago, and the Divinity School at Princeton. Dr. McLain supplied for churches but was known as an educator. At the time of his death, he was retired Chairman of Meredith College's Department of Religion. He was a religion professor at Meredith College from 1945 to 1968. He was honored as the most outstanding Christian teacher at Meredith in June 1974.

Dr. McLain died at the age of 67. His wife, Juanita B. McLain, still lives at 3400 Lake Boone Trail in Raleigh. A son, Milton S. McLain, lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



REV. HOMER I. NICHOLS

Thirty-first Pastor Served Samaria
1951

Homer Nichols was educated at Needham Broughton High School and Wake Forest College.

His pastorates include Mt. Vernon, West Oxford, and Mt. Zion.



REV. PARKS C. HARRIS

Thirty-second Pastor Served Samaria
1951-1961

Rev. Parks C. Harris was born in Maiden, North Carolina, Catawba County, January 30, 1913. His parents were Rev. M. T. (Tobe) and Lillie Mae Benfield Harris.

He was educated in Catawba County Schools and took special courses at Mars Hill and Wake Forest and Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Married to Alene Robinson, the Harrises have six children. The oldest son, Charles (Tobe to the people of Samaria) and wife Carol and two sons, "Chuck" and "Bill," have played and still are playing an important part in our church themselves.

Parks Harris was ordained February 21, 1945. He held his first pastorate in Catawba Valley Church, Morganton, North Carolina. Other pastorates include Marshallberg on the coast, Red Oak in Nash County, and Friendship in Morganton. Since leaving Samaria in 1961, he has served Greenwood in Thomasville, North Street in Raleigh, and Centerview near Maiden. He retired from active pastorate April 30, 1978. An article in the Raleigh *Times* in 1958 tells us Rev. Parks Harris is a family man and an avid sports fan. He was a baseball star and later played semi-pro ball. He prefers mini-golf to the professional variety; and when it comes to being a spectator, he prefers watching a fast-moving football game.

He received his Masonic degrees while serving as pastor of Samaria. Many of us who remember this man of God can also recall on numerous occasions hearing his prayer, "Dear Lord, help us to grow in wisdom and in truth. Amen!!" This has been and still is our prayer at Samaria. Parks and Alene Harris are living at 2007 N. Deal Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.



REV. BURLEY S. TURNER

Thirty-third Pastor Served Samaria
1962-1968

Burley Turner was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 4, 1912. His parents were Edwin R. and Annie Slater Turner.

He attended Hamburg Elementary School, Lewisville High School, Draughn Business College, Piedmont Bible School, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Continuing Education Program, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to going into the ministry, he was employed by Taylor Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem for seventeen years.

He is married to the former Anna Lashmit of Clemmons. They have two children, Glenda Ann and Denny L. Rev. Turner's family took a great part in Samaria while they were here. Among other things, his wife taught Sunday School, was active in W.M.S. work, and she and Glenda sang in the choir. Denny was very active in the music program. One of the church members will never forget her father having requested an old song which she and others had searched for years to locate the music. It was located on the day of her father's death, and Denny Turner learned the song and traveled to the country church thirty miles away to sing it at the funeral the next day. The Sunday School membership grew more while Rev. Turner was pastor than during any other pastorate.

Mr. Turner was ordained August 9, 1942. His pastorates include Forest Hill Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1942-1949; Zion Baptist Church, North Vernon, Indiana, 1949-1951; Double Springs Baptist Church, Waynesburg, Kentucky, 1951-1953; Waco Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, 1953-1962.

Ill health forced Rev. Turner into an early retirement. He served as an associate pastor at Clemmons, North Carolina, 1971-1973, and remains active doing supply and interim work.



REV. JAMES S. HINSON

Thirty-fourth Pastor Served Samaria
1969-1973

J. S. Hinson was born May 19, 1938, in Camden, South Carolina. He attended Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, School of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital and Dorothea Dix Hospital course for pastors.

He is married to the former Sara Rickenbaker and has three children, Sarajane, Cydney Ann, and Eric.

Rev. Hinson was ordained June 26, 1966, at Gorman Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. He was assistant pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Gorman Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina; and was pastor at Creedmoor Road Baptist Church and Samaria Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jack Hinson is currently pastor at Cullowhee Baptist Church, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

While Rev. Hinson was at Samaria, Mrs. Hinson was on the staff as minister of youth and music.

Rev. Hinson has served as Sunday School Director of the Raleigh Baptist Association, Vice President of the Raleigh Baptist Ministerial Association, President of the Jackson County Ministerial Association, Chairman of the Hospital Chaplaincy Committee for Jackson County, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Association, and Chairman of the H.O.P.E. Committee.

Among many other things, the people at Samaria will always remember about Jack Hinson was his love for family, music, poetry, and people and will remember Sara for the beautiful music she both rendered and directed.

REV. JERRY L. NISWONGER

Thirty-fifth Interim Pastor Served Samaria
1973-1974



Rev. Jerry Niswonger, born May 6, 1931, in Zalma, Missouri, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Niswonger.

He was educated in City Schools in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri; Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1954.

He is married to Betty Chambless of Savannah, Georgia. They have four children—Debbie, Mark, Beckey, and Dianne.

His pastorates include Colfax Baptist Church, Colfax, North Carolina, 1954-1959; First Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, 1959-1964; Zebulon Baptist Church, Zebulon, North Carolina, 1964-1970. He was Director of Development at Southeastern Seminary 1970-1975 and has been Assistant to the President, Southeastern Seminary, since 1975.

He has held the following leadership positions: B.S.U. President, Southwest Baptist College (1950); Summer missionary to Alaska for Missouri B.S.U. (1950); Moderator, Montgomery Baptist Association (1962); President, Mount Gilead Lions Club; President, Interdenominational Montgomery County Ministers association (1963); President, N.C. Alumni Association, Southeastern Seminary (1962); President, National Alumni Association, Southeastern Seminary (1963); Member, General Board of the N.C. Baptist State Convention (1962-1964); Member, Executive Committee of General Board of N.C. Baptist State Convention (1963-1964); Chairman Christian Social Services Committee of General Board (1963-1964); Member, Committee on Committees, the Resolutions Committee, the Nominating Committee, Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of N.C. Baptist State Convention; Member, Baptist Public Relations Association; Member, Public Relations Advisory Committee, S.B.C.; Listed, Marquis' *Who's Who in Religion*.

Rev. Niswonger and his family live in Raleigh at 6705 Brookhollow Drive.

The people at Samaria feel they were so fortunate to enjoy the wonderful messages God laid on this messenger's heart during the time he served as interim pastor.



REV. HARDWICK SANDERS HATCHER

Thirty-sixth Pastor Served Samaria
1975-

Hardwick Hatcher was born June 16, 1930, in Soperton, Georgia. His parents were Edna and W. M. Hatcher.

He graduated from Soperton High School in 1948. He attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, 1964-65. He received a B.A. degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina, in 1968. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, in 1972.

Rev. Hatcher is married to the former Elaine Radford from Soperton, Georgia. They have two children, Katie and Timothy.

Mr. Hatcher worked in the construction industry as operator of heavy equipment. He served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. After completing his service enlistment, he re-entered the construction industry. He was in partnership in the firm of Lewis and Hatcher, Inc., for five years prior to his call into the ministry. He was thirty-two years of age at the time.

He was converted in 1951 and baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Soperton, Georgia. He lived at Virginia Beach, Virginia, from 1951 until 1964 and attended London Bridge and First Colonial Baptist Churches in which he held various positions. He was called and licensed to preach the Gospel in 1963 and ordained into the ministry in 1964. He has pastored churches in North Carolina since 1964.

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

1878

The first Church Covenant written October 1878 was as follows:

“As we trust, we have been brought by Divine Grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of the Holy Spirit, to give ourselves up to Him, so we do now, solemnly covenant with each other, that God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love, that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish each other as the case may require; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and others; that we will participate in each other’s joys and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other’s burdens and sorrows; that we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as is under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that we will seek Divine aid to walk circumspectly in the world, denying all ungodliness and every worldly lust; that we will strive together for a faithful ministry among us; that we will endeavor by example and effort to win souls to Christ for the Glory of God. Edn.

Rules of Decorum — October 1878

- 1st — Conference shall be opened by preaching or prayer.
- 2nd — Brethren and sisters of sister faith, or Baptist churches may be invited to seats with the conference.
- 3rd — The names of male members shall be called every meeting and absentees marked. Female members shall be called every three months.
- 4th — The fellowship of the church shall be inquired after, and all cases of discipline considered and disposed of.
- 5th — A door for the reception of members shall be opened for experience, letter, restoration.
- 6th — Proceedings of previous meetings read and references disposed of.
- 7th — No speech is in order without a motion and a second.
- 8th — All motions made and seconded shall be considered and decided by a majority.

- 9th — No member shall speak on a motion more than twice and not more than twenty minutes at each time, without permission of the conference. He shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject; then he may be called to order by the moderator or any other member.
- 10th — No member will be at liberty to leave conference without permission of same.
- 11th — A violation of the Constitution or the rules of Decorum, will subject any member of the church to its discipline.
- 12th — Conferences can only be adjourned by a motion and a second, and is always in order.
- 13th — The Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be read whenever desired by the conference.

Constitution — October 1878

- 1st — This church shall be known by the name of THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of or at SAMARIA.
- 2nd — This Church shall meet on the 3rd Sabbath in each month for worship.
- 3rd — The pastor shall be moderator when present. When absent, one of the members shall be chosen to preside, protem.
- 4th — It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order and enforce rules of decorum; put all questions and announce all decisions and may give his opinion on any question after all the members have spoken that desire to do so, but shall have no vote, except in case of a tie; then he shall give the deciding vote.
- 5th — There shall be a clerk chosen from among the members at any time they may think proper to make such choice. It shall be his duty to record all the proceedings in a book kept by him for that purpose and to have said book present at every meeting for business, and to do all writing and correspondence of the church and keep a correct list of all members of the church.
- 6th — It shall be the duty of all members to attend their church meetings unless providentially prevented.
- 7th — Any members absenting themselves from church meetings six months in succession, shall be cited to attend next meeting and render an excuse, and shall be dealt with as the church may see fit.
- 8th — Every member will be expected to contribute to the support of a preached gospel in the church according to their ability, as the Lord hath prospered them.

- 9th — This church will not fellowship any member who makes, buys or sells intoxicating liquors for gain, or who practice dram drinking in drinking saloons, or other public places, provided nothing in this article shall be so construed to prevent its use as a medicine.
- 10th — This church will withdraw fellowship from any member who engages in public dancing, or from heads of families who permit dancing parties in their houses.
- 11th — No matter of private character shall come before the conference unless the Gospel steps in Matthew 18th chapter has been taken. All immoral conduct of any member shall be presented to the church, or deacons, by members having knowledge of same.
- 12th — This Constitution and Rules of Decorum, shall be amended at regular conference by a majority of votes.
- 13th — AMENDMENT, June 2, 1915, H.B. Williams, Clerk.

CHURCH COVENANT 1978

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior,

And on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,

We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort;

To promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances;

To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;

To avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger;

To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love.

To remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of Gods Word.

YOUTH

by Tim Elliott

One of the most vital groups of persons during the history of Samaria Baptist Church, as it is in any church, is its young people. Numerous generations of youth have been brought up in Samaria listening to the teachings of the church leaders.

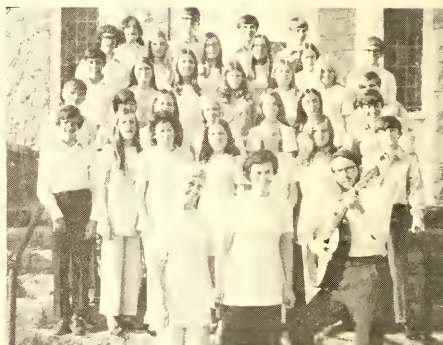
Young people have long been active in church. Their first youth leader at Samaria was Davis Bowen who came to Samaria in 1964 and stayed until 1967. He also served as Minister of Music and Education. Parents of Samaria owe much to this man because he started the youth program in our church. He went into homes and encouraged youth who attended church very little or not at all to attend. He and his wife Carol Ann had the youth in groups and individually in their home continually creating interest. The first musical ever presented by Samaria's youth was "Good News," and this was presented at Forest Hills Baptist Church with several other churches.

Since Davis Bowen's arrival in 1964, the youth have enjoyed many activities. Many of the activities the youth have participated in have been: musicals; tours; youth workshops; snack suppers; youth weeks; barbecues; paper drives; summer youth workshops; many banquets for youth, parents, and senior citizens; working in Bible school; and the list goes on.





YOUTH



Other very capable youth directors who followed Davis Bowen and who have contributed greatly to our youth program include:

Joe David Fore
Robert (Bob) Turner
James (Jim) Saul

Sara Hinson
Kathy Blackwood
Dwight Morris

Youth Week is observed at Samaria each year. A youth pastor is selected, and he is presented with the key to the church at the beginning of the week. From there on, the youth are in charge of all services for one full week, including prayer meeting and teaching all Sunday school classes. There are also planned activities for each day of that week. We have had some very capable youth pastors during the last few years, and some of these are listed below:

Year	Youth Pastor	Year	Youth Pastor
1969	Bobby Lucas	1975	Larry Smith
1971	Grayson Hodge	1976	Tim Honeycutt
1972	Dan Greider	1977	Tim Elliott
1973	Mike Alford	1978	Tim Elliott
1974	Pam Lisenbe		

Prior to 1969, the records indicate others who served as youth pastors as follows: Ben Hunnicutt, Michael Lisenbe, Deborah Honeycutt, Betty Moody, Gerald Hunnicutt, and Roger Hunnicutt.

Music is and has been one of the most important facets of our youth program at Samaria. They selected a very appropriate name for themselves when they chose "The Good Samaritan Singers." Over the past several years, they have presented several musicals, both in their own church and also in other churches of our community and surrounding communities. They even toured out of state with two of them. During 1974, under the direction of Mrs. Sara Hinson, they recorded an album entitled, "*What's It All About Anyhow?*" Other musicals that these fine young people have presented are:

<i>"Good News"</i>	<i>"What's It all About</i>
<i>"Purpose"</i>	<i>Anyhow?"</i>
<i>"Happening Now"</i>	<i>"The Searcher"</i>
<i>"Life"</i>	<i>"The New Covenant"</i>
<i>"It's All About Love"</i>	<i>"Joy"</i>

Homecoming Sunday, October 10, 1971, was a special day for our youth. This was a day that was dedicated to them as follows: "We dedicate the homecoming Sunday to our youth with sincere love for their untiring work for our Savior and Church," proclaimed the Sun-

day morning bulletin with a picture of the 35-member choir on the front.

During Bob Turner's and Jim Saul's ministries at Samaria, the youth made several trips to Murdoch Center at Butner, North Carolina, to visit and have fellowship with thirty-four teenagers from the Division for Community Habilitation. Our youth sponsored various activities for these youngsters during the few years that these two leaders served the youth of Samaria.

Each year at graduation time, Samaria honors her youth who are graduating from the area high schools, colleges, and universities. They are recognized during a morning worship service and presented with a gift as a small token of the church's love for each of them. Then, they are challenged by the pastor as they begin a new plateau of life.

Over the years the youth have sponsored many money-making projects such as a car wash, two rock-a-thons, a carnival and several paper drives. All money raised went to remodeling the church attic, missions, and to help support youth programs.

These are just some of the many activities that the youth of Samaria have participated in to make our church better and advance our Lord's Kingdom. So much goes on in a year with the youth that it is hard to record everything, so only the highlights have been covered.

May young people always remember those echoing words in Ecclesiastes, "Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do. Don't let anything worry you or cause you pain. You aren't going to be young very long. So remember your Creator while you are still young, before those dismal days and years come when you will say, 'I don't enjoy life.' "

The youth activities and those that have sponsored them for the young people have enriched our lives greatly and each should be able to say, "Yes, I have enjoyed life."

From young person to old, we should all say, "Thank you, Samaria, for being there when I needed you." God bless you all.

W.M.U.
by Marjorie Reeder

The Woman's Missionary Union of Samaria Baptist Church was organized in 1914 with help of the WMU of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh. Some of the charter members were Miss Blanche Ford, Mrs. Nannie Jackson, Mrs. Mable Williams, Mrs. Carmen Rieves, Mrs. Lucille Hunnicutt, Mrs. Bell Gattis, Mrs. Mable Poole, and Mrs. M.V. (Miss Vee) Denton. The Raleigh Baptist Associational Minutes listed Miss Vee as being the first chairman. Miss Blanche Ford is the only charter member living who is still an active member in the WMU. We pay special tribute to her this centennial year for her continuing faithfulness and concern for missions, especially her inspiration and encouragement that she gives the WMU today.

Miss Ford said that in those early years the WMU had a very active ministry helping those in need in the community. Also, when the church had pressing financial needs, the WMU led the women in meeting the needs. She recalls that for years the WMU supported an orphan from Thomasville Orphanage. They were equally concerned in the Lord's work around the world as they prayed and regularly gave for Home and Foreign Missions.

Among other WMU women God used in a special way was Mrs. Nora Wilder (March 9, 1884-July 22, 1975). She was very actively involved in all phases of mission work and was responsible for organizing the first missionary program for boys (RA's).

The WMU was concerned for the missionary education of children, and in the early 1950's the first G.A. organization for girls was formed with Mrs. Parks Harris as their leader. Mrs. Harris' devotion and dedication to missions was a great source of inspiration and encouragement to the WMU. Other G.A. leaders were: Margie Reeder, Ann Hoke, Barbara King, Barbara Beavers, and Margaret Honeycutt. Our present G.A. girls are led by Naomi Elliot with Peggy Price assisting. These two dedicated WMU members are leading the girls in a great and rewarding ministry among the sick and elderly of the community, as well as teaching them to give and pray for missions around the world.

In 1959, Mrs. Hornbacker from Tabernacle Baptist Church, aided the WMU in organizing a Sunbeam Band for young children. Mrs. Cassie Hunnicutt was their leader for almost ten years. The membership was 40 at one time. Many young adults today recall the happy experiences with "Aunt Cassie" twice a month during worship services as she lovingly taught them about missions around the world



Nannie Jackson



Bertha Hodge



Lela Griffin

W.M.U.



Alene Harris

and led them to be a part of the great worldwide missionary endeavor. Some of her young teenage helpers were Judy Liles, Fain Smith, Deborah Honeycutt, Timmy Privette, and David Sauls. Later, Mrs. Bertie Lucas and Mrs. Elvie Lowerey led the Sunbeams for several years. Also, a preschool Sunbeam group was formed in the middle sixties. Some of the leaders were Virginia Jeffreys, Margie Reeder, and later two of the youth, Pam Lisenbe and Cathy Reeder. The WMU has always sponsored the youth missionary organizations by giving leadership, material, money, and encouragement.

Among other community ministries, the WMU has now for almost ten years sponsored an active ministry in the Raleigh Rest Home on Evans Road, having Sunday school each Sunday morning with the residents there and remembering them from time to time in some special way. This ministry has been a great blessing to the home and is still always a rewarding experience to the WMU and others who participate.

This centennial year the WMU pledges to continue to be zealous in carrying out Christ's command to be faithful witnesses here and around the world.

A Tribute to Some Special Mission-minded People

Samaria had four circles with a Woman's Missionary Society business meeting comprised of all four circles. Some of the presidents of the WMU were: Mrs. Marjorie Reeder, Mrs. Mable Poole, Mrs. Lucille Hunnicutt, Miss Blanche Ford, Mrs. Virginia Jeffreys, Mrs. Bency Smith, and Mrs. Margaret Honeycutt.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough circles to name one after all the mission-minded ladies Marjorie Reeder has mentioned and others. However, we chose four ladies who did an outstanding job in mission work.

Alene Harris (Mrs. Parks C.) — Mrs. Harris was born February 10, 1913, in Burke County, North Carolina. Wives, who give their husbands for the Lord's service, must be close to the Lord themselves, and this was so true when Alene came to our midst. With the "spring and fall" crop of children that Mr. Harris so often spoke of, Alene always had time to listen to one's needs, teach Sunday school, and work diligently in the Missionary Society and also in lending her beautiful voice to the praises of the Lord as she sang in the choir.

The Harris family were called to another pastorate in 1961. Having a circle named for her was giving credit to one who had been faithful to the call of the Lord.

Bertha Hodge (Mrs. Rufus C.) — The Bertha Hodge Circle was named for “Miss Bertha” as everyone called her. She is a quiet, reserved, friendly person and was always on a pew at the front of the church until her health slowed her down in 1977. She played a big part in raising money in her Sunday school class at times when the church needed extra money. She had a consecrated car and was taking the ladies to meetings anytime she heard of one that needed a ride. She was a helper to her husband, Rufus, as he went about doing so many things for the good of the church.

Born in the year 1896, “Miss Bertha” is now, in 1978, a bed patient but is still very interested in what is going on in her church. The children born to this union—Gladys, Julius, Daphne, and Ray—still have membership in Samaria Baptist Church.

Nannie Jackson (Mrs. Alvester J.) — Mrs. Jackson was born in 1888. She was a native of Wake County. Her children are Worth, Norwood, Joseph, A. J., and Elizabeth.

In Proverbs 31:28 we read, “Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he praiseth.”

Everyone who knew “Miss Nannie” would say the same praise. She lived for her family, her church, her friends, neighbors, and anyone who was in need. When help was needed, she could be counted on whether spiritual, physical, or monetary. She gave with much zeal. She never looked back to see if she needed it for her personal use.

She didn’t drive a car, but distances were covered by foot many times to go to a person who was in need of comfort. When she lived, she was always a busy person and had no time for idleness. Until her death, her hands were busy crocheting dresses for dolls to brighten children’s Christmases.

She was in service for her church many years in many capacities: Missionary Society, teaching, deaconess, and one of the greatest promoters of her church and was one to welcome every visitor.

It is appropriate that she be honored by a circle named for her and that she especially be honored at this, our 100th celebration of Samaria Baptist Church.

Lela Griffin (Mrs. R. Howard) — Mrs. Griffin was born in 1872 and died in 1957. She is buried at Samaria Baptist Church Cemetery as are her parents Napoleon B. and Sarah Purnell Williams.

She was brought up as a child in the church, being six years old when Samaria was organized. She loved her Lord and worked in the church long and hard hours helping the work to be carried on. The Missionary group that later took her name met in her home for many years.

“Miss Lela” was loved by all who met her. She was so friendly, lovable, and patient. She always had an interesting “tale” to tell any child who was ready to listen.

“Miss Lela” loved her family, her home, her church, and her flowers. Her favorite song was “Whispering Hope,” which she learned while a piano student at Wakefield Academy. Mrs. Griffin’s husband, Howard, an active member, will always be remembered by “passing the hat” each Sunday until ten dollars was raised for the 1930 Building Fund. It has been told that the hat had to be passed several times on some occasions.

Into her family were born two sons: Roderic Boyd and Edward Hoyt. Edward was killed in an automobile accident when he was 21, but Roderic brought much happiness to his parents by finishing Wake Forest College and entering the educational field, his last assignment being Superintendent of Person County Schools.

The history of the WMU in Samaria would not be complete if we failed to mention one of the most dedicated-to-missions person most of us have ever known. Marjorie Adams Reeder is the wife of Howard, a most dedicated church worker himself coming to Samaria in 1958 and serving in many capacities when needed. They have two daughters, Julie and Cathy. Julie is a pediatrician and has just recently married. Cathy graduated from Wake Forest University this year (1978) and is planning to marry in October.

Marjorie Reeder is our WMU director and has been serving in this capacity for years. She has always had a special interest in the youth, teaching them for many years. She has served in many other jobs in the youth department. She has served on almost all committees in the church over a period of years.

Margie believes in teaching the Bible. She feels this is the only way not only the youth but also children and adults can serve God faithfully and willingly. She has worked in Bible School for many years. Anytime someone in the church needs something done or desires information concerning missions, they usually call on Margie, and she is always willing to help. She is a modest person who doesn’t want or ask for credit. She just continues trying to please God in any way that she can. Marjorie Reader is truly a witness for God.



ROYAL AMBASSADORS



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By Jimmy Burchette

Royal Ambassadors is an organization for boys in grades 1-12 of Southern Baptist churches that educate young men in how our Lord expects us to go and tell others about Him. "We are Ambassadors for Christ" is the motto. (II Cor. 5:20)

The people of Samaria have always been mission minded and supported missions. Therefore, it is easy to understand why they have always stressed the importance of a Royal Ambassador program.

In the mid-sixties Samaria had Royal Ambassadors under the leadership of Charles King.

A new pastor, Jack Hinson, came to Samaria and was very interested in missions. In 1969 Rev. Hinson asked me to attend a meeting with the idea of reviving the Royal Ambassador program. Mr. and Mrs. Don Bruffey and Mr. E. T. Bennett had been secured as counselors and in January, 1970, our first meeting was held with approximately 10 boys attending. From the meeting, we grew to a high of 40 boys with four chapters, with boys in all age groups (grades 1-12).

During this period many men and women served on committees, spoke to the boys on various subjects, and supported the R. A. program. To all of these people and Samaria, the young men involved owe a great deal. As with most youth programs, these people probably will not see the results of their work for many years. It is our desire that these young men will grow up to be outstanding laymen and leaders in their churches and communities or even full-time missionaries in the service of our Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. David Butler later joined the R. A. program as Crusader counselors. They gave of themselves in an unselfish way in leading the boys (grades 1-6) in Bible study, mission activities, interest activities, and chapter meetings.

Some of our mission projects include new clothes for a child at O'Berry Center in Goldsboro, cleaning yards, and visits to several rest homes each week. The present taping of sermons began with the R. A.'s taping the sermon on the front pew on Sunday mornings and taking these tapes to the rest homes the next week.

Camp CaRAway in Asheboro, N. C. was the scene of many camp-outs which included Bible study, fishing, campfires, and all types of good times, but at the same time I think all of us felt the presence of God more than ever before.



Interest activities were many. Those included basketball, teams for all age groups; Track, all ages participate; and Crusader car competition for the younger boys.

In chapter meetings the boys were led in missions study. For this they received recognition of patches and pins for the different levels of work. Tim Elliott is one of the outstanding boys who has earned every patch and pin in Advancement since he became an R.A. The church rewarded him by sending him to the Fifth National R.A. Congress in St. Louis in 1973.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the Royal Ambassador program. This program can reach boys for our Lord that cannot be reached by any other programs in our church.

Jimmy Burchette has been Associational Director of R. A.'s for about five years and is on the State R.A. Committee. When he gave up being R.A. Director at Samaria, he was replaced by David Butler. When David left Raleigh, Mike Alford was his replacement.

Jimmy Burchette is married to Joyce Westbrook, and they have two children, Karen and Tony. Joyce has served as church secretary, and both she and Jimmy have been very active members serving in many capacities in the church.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music is truly a ministry. Sometimes music can minister to a person's needs where spoken words are unable to. Playing a big part in a worship service, music can put one in a more worshipful mood.

Samaria has again been most fortunate in acquiring very talented organists and directors in the music profession, people who are interested and dedicated to bringing the message of "God through Music" to the church's people.

In earlier years members donated their time and special talents because of their love for their Lord and church and because our church had a very limited budget. These were people such as our first organist Martha (Miss Vee) Williams Denton, and Nancy Riggan, who played the pump organ and piano; Gladys Warren who also played the pump organ and piano; Dorothy Smith, organist and pianist; Nancy Burroughs, organist and pianist; Cassie Hunicutt, pianist; Mary Woolweaver, and others whose names are not available.

Later, our church was able to include in its budget a small salary for the organist which has grown over the years. Listed below are those talented and faithful musicians that Samaria has been fortunate enough to be able to hire over the past years:

Nancy Burroughs	Kathy Blackwood
Linda Arrington	Betty Jo Morris
Dan Southern	Carolyn Puryear
Mr. Newberry	Susan Pait
Mrs. B. Mac Whorley	Shirley White
Henry Batten	Mrs. Thompson
Carol Wall	Wayne Rogers
Nelda Morgan	

We have also been very fortunate in acquiring the services of some very talented and dedicated music directors for our choirs. Those who have served Samaria in this capacity are:

Margaret Sharp	Sylvia Sutter
Jane Hall	Davis Bowen
Charles Clanton	Carol Turner
Margaret Sharp	Sara Hinson
Boyd Spence	John Mayfield
Arthur Lee Poole	Dwight Morris
Harold Burt	Jennifer Mishoe

Leading the Sunday School congregation in music over the years were Rufus Hodge, O. T. Luther, Doris Boggs, Ray Hodge, and many others. There have been many soloists who have made our services more meaningful; and last but certainly not least are the many, many dedicated people who have served in the choirs over the years. Giving of their time and talents, they have asked nothing in return except the self-satisfaction of knowing they are praising the Lord through song.

ROLL OF SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

1978

Resident

Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Yvonne)
Adams, Mrs. Joyce—Tammy
Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Julia)
Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Deborah)
Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Vicki)
Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Sonnie (Bobbi)
Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Bobbie)
Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. (Alice Gail)—Gayle, Andy
Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie (Pat)—James, Teresa
Avery, Mr. Walter E.

Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Kitty)
Beavers, Mr. and Mrs. David (Barbara)—Benita
Bennett, Mrs. E. T. (Shirley)—Randy, Jeff, Robin
Best, Mrs. Emmett J. (Ruth Edgerton)
Best, Mrs. T. Wayne (Jewel)
Bland, Miss Robin
Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. David (Doris)—Lloyd
Bordeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. (Gertrude)
Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. (Shirley)—Marcia
Bradley, Mr. R. A.
Bradley, Mr. S. M., Jr.
Brantley, Mrs. H. W. (Mildred)
Brooks, Mr. R. M.
Brown, Mrs. W. J. (Violet)—Bobby
Bryant, Mrs. Robert (Gale Lucas)
Buffaloe, Mr. E. J.
Burchette, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Joyce)—Karen, Tony
Burroughs, Mrs. D. S. (Grace)
Butler, Mr. and Mrs. David L. (Mary Ann)—Dean
Bynum, Mrs. Anna B.

Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Curfman (Audrey)—Mark
Capps, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron—Howard
Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Blanche)

Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Vivian)—Donald
Caudle, Mr. James
Champion, Mr. and Mrs. V. M.—Carol Ann
Chappell, Mrs. Theo., Jr. (Gail Frazier)
Chavis, Mrs. Curley (Alene)—Jackie, Dixie, Darlene
Conyers, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Sarah)
Conyers, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert, Jr. (Mary)—Kenneth, Glen
Cox, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. (Marguerite)
Creekmore, Mrs. Crafton (Janie)
Cross, Mrs. Lena Stone

Davenport, Mrs. William (Judy)
Dickerson, Mr. William
Dail, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy (Patsy)
Dozier, Mr. John W. (Linda)
Dupree, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Alma)
Dupree, Miss Julia
Dyson, Mrs. Hugh

Edwards, Mrs. Tyree (Pearl)
Ellington, Mrs. Nancy Patton
Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Garland (Naomi)—Tim, Samuel
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. James C. (Virginia)
Ennis, Mrs. John (Wanda)
Ennis, Mrs. Patricia

Ferrell, Graham E. —Bill
Ferrell, Graham E., Jr. —Ray
Ferrell, Mr and Mrs. William P.
Ford, Miss Blanche
Ford, Miss Mildred
Forrest, Mr. Robert L.
Frazier, Mr. Herbert
Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. (Myrtle)
Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. (Edith)—Debbie

Garner, Mr. and Mrs. James H. (Ila)—Beverly
Garner, Mr. William—William, Jr.
Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. (Ima)
Gegax, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wayne (Sandy)
Gresham, Mrs. Jean—Kenny, Ronnie
Godwin, Mrs. Marie Holt—Larry

Hamilton, Mr. Bryant
Harmati, Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Linda)
Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. (Carol)—Charles, Jr., William
Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick S. (Elaine)—Timothy
Heath, Mrs. William H. (Josephine)
Hicks, Mrs. John Wm., Jr. (Marcia Ferrell)
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Sammie)
Hodge, Mrs. Betty Webster
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (Ida)—Glenn, Jr., Grayson, Gregory
Hodge, Mrs. Mable
Hodge, Mrs. Bertha
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. (Ruth)
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy (Sue)
Hodge, Dalton
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Sue)
Hoke, Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. (Ann)
Holland, Mr. and Mrs. O. Rex (Marie)
Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. (Lois)—Leah Corum
Holt, Billy
Holt, Mr. Carlton Reuben
Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Margaret)—Timmy
Honeycutt, Mrs. Donie
Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. (Daphne)
Honeycutt, Mr. Randy
Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Faye)—Billy
House, Mr. and Mrs. James R. (Elizabeth)—Sherrill, Glenn
Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lee (Shirley)—Kim
Hunnicut, Mrs. C. H. (Lucile)
Hunnicut, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Cassie)
Hunnicut, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Jackie Liles)
Hunnicut, Mr. and Mrs. W. A., Jr. (Edna Earle)
Hunnicut, W. A., III
Hunnicut, W. G.

Jackson, Mrs. Barry (Valerie Hunnicutt)
Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. (Willette)
Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. (Virginia)
Jenkins, Mrs. Carlee—Loy
Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. (Veritas)
Jernigan, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray (Betty Jean)
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Joseph
Jones, Mrs. Sarah

Keeter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. (Bloise)
Keith, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Sue)—Danny, Brian
Kellum, William E.
Kerley, Knox
King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. (Barbara)—Dottie, Linda
King, Mrs. Jewel

Lanford, Mrs. Alice R.
Langdon, Miss Clara Gray
Lee, Mrs. Cliff (Janice Wilson)
Lewis, Donnie
Lewis, Mrs. Frances Pierce
Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Otho, Jr. (Elizabeth)—Alice, Margaret, Otho, III
Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. (Opal)
Liles, Mr. Johnnie
Liles, Mr. Robert
Liles, Mrs. S. A. (Annie)
Lisenbe, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Helen)
Lisenbe, Michael
Lisenbe, Mitchell
Lowery, Mrs. Willard C. (Elvie)—Ronnie, Sharon, Dwight
Lucas, Mrs. Vernon H. (Bertie)—Bobby
Lyles, Charles H.
Lyles, Marie

Massey, Mrs. L. N. (Vivian)
Massey, Mrs. R. W. (Vickie Bordeaux)
Maynard, Mrs. Bessie

McLamb, Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Judy)
McLeod, Mrs. Joseph Ray (Pearle)—Joseph Ray, Jr., Lewis, and
Debbie Finch
Mimms, Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Katherine)
Mills, Misses Christine and Jenny
Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. (Annie Belle)—Michael
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. (Jeanette)—Ernest, Jr.
Moore, Mrs. Paul Thomas (Estelle)—Tommy
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight (Betty Jo)
Mullen, Mr. C. B.
Murray, Mr. and Mrs. John (Oneita)

Norwood, Mrs. Blake (Myra)

Pace, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. (Lilla)
Patrick, Mrs. Lola
Patton, Mr. A. F.
Patton, James
Pearce, Mrs. C. M. (Opal)
Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ned K. (Ava)—Kim
Perry, Ned Perry, Jr.
Pittman, Mrs. Eudelle
Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Carey H. (Mable)
Poole, Mr. Garvon M.
Poole, Mrs. Glenn (Nancy)—Robin
Poole, Mrs. Lille Mae
Poole, R. B., Jr.
Poole, Mrs. Thomas J. (Louise)
Price, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie P. (Peggy)
Privette, Mrs. Hallie—Timmy, Kathy
Privette, Mr. and Mrs. James A. (Linda)
Puryear, Mrs. Carolyn—Cindy

Radford, Jimmy
Raper, Alan
Ray, Mrs. Edward C. (Daisy)—Eddie, Sheila
Ray, Mrs. Kenneth (Harriett Patton)
Reames, Mrs. Debbie Campbell
Reaves, Mrs. J. E. (Anne)

Reaves, Kent
Reavis, Elizabeth—Mary
Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. (Marjorie)—Julie, Cathy
Rivers, Mrs. Patsy Holder
Roberts, Mrs. A. C. (Rachel)

Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. (Hazel)
Shepherd, Mrs. Agnes Brown
Sikorski, Mr. and Mrs. N. I. (Marie)—Paul
Simmons, Mrs. W. R. (Paula Moore)
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Doris)
Smith, Ivey Glenn, Jr., —Donald, Alan, Van
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Dorothy)
Smith, John G., Jr.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Larry M. (Eunice)—Larry Wayne, Thomas,
Don
Smith, Lynwood
Snotherly, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Mary)—Alex
Southern, Mrs. Hazel
Speight, Betsy
Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. (Betty)

Tew, Mrs. Paula Brisson
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Luen Jack (Delphia)—Jack
Thompson, Mrs. Andrew (Myrtle)
Tillery, Penny
Tripp, Curtis Dale
Troutman, Mrs. Jos. C. (Judy Lyles)
Turner, Mrs. David
Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Elaine)—Philip, Lee
Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson (Helen)—Scott
Turner, Miss Lynn

Vance, Donna Marie Jones

Waddell, Mrs. Richard (Elizabeth Reaves)
Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge (Penny)
Warren, Mrs. Gladys
Warren, Mr. and Mrs. James E. (Dorothy)—Teresa, Sandra
Warren, Mrs. Joseph (Violet)—Joey, Keith
White, Conley
Whitley, Mrs. J. B. (Arthelia)
Whorley, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. (Ella)
Wilder, Miss Jerry Jane (Dot)
Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Sarah)
Wilder, Misses Wanda and Rita
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. (Sue)
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie (Carolyn)
Williams, Mr. Robert Earl
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James (Joyce)—Charles, James
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. (Dolly)—J. T., Jr., Sandra,
Debbie, Donna
Wilson, James Charles, Jr. (Chuck)
Winbon, Mrs. Mary M.—Susan
Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Hilda)
Wood, Mr. W. D.
Woodall, Mrs. Elnora
Wood, Mrs. Pearl C.
Yeargin, Mr. and Mrs. Reynal (Laura)—Brian

Non-resident

Allen, Mrs. Edward
Amburgey, Don
Ard, Mrs. G. W. (Julia Hicks)
Ashburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Baker, Mr. Barry
Barefoot, Mrs. Donald (Helen)—Pamela
Barefoot, Mr. and Mrs. Joel (Billie)—Bonita, Richard
Batts, John H.
Beacham, Miss Debbie Grace
Benfield, Mrs. Alberta
Beckler, Samuel Ray

Blackwell, Pamela Jean
Boswell, Alonzo
Bowen, Mrs. Betty L.
Byrd, Tommy

Carroll, Mrs. H. E. (Narvie)
Cinquemano, Tony
Clayton, Mrs. Bobby (Ann Cox)
Cooper, James E.
Cooper, Mrs. W. G.
Cooper, Wilson
Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George P. (Grace)
Cox, Milton Arthur, Jr.
Crady, Mr. and Mrs. Tony O.
Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. George L.

Dunevant, Miss Jackie

Godwin, John
Gravitt, Nancy
Green, David W.

Heyel, Mrs. Donna Holt
Hinnant, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky M.
Hinnant, Mrs. C. H. (Lou)—Cynthia, Michael Jamie
Hodge, Mr. Gail
Hodge, J. E.
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Julius (Martha)
Hodge, J. E., Jr.
Honeycutt, Mrs. Helen
Honeycutt, William
Hunnicut, Jeff
Hunnicut, Susan
Hunnicut, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Betty)
Hunnicut, W. H.

Jennings, Cecelia
Johnson, D. Ray
Johnson, Mrs. Ruby Mae
Jones, Mrs. Eugene

Kaulfusa, Mrs. Julia A. Mimms

Lewis, Johnnie

Little, Mrs. J. C.

Little, Mrs. R. E.

Lockamy, Cranford

Lockamy, Harry

Ludgate, Ricky

Maile, Mrs. C. B.

Maile, Charlotte

McLendon, Helen

Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Phil

Mills, Rebecca

Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Sue)

Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. T. H.

Nines, Miss Elsie, Miss Frances

Pace, Lloyd

Peeden, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

Pegram, Mrs. William (Carolyn Roberts)

Peoples, Mrs. H. T.

Poole, Felix

Poole, Lula Belle

Puryear, Ray

Raines, Penny Pierce

Remilard, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene

Rhodes, Willie

Richardson, Ricky

Roberts, Debbie

Robinson, Judy

Rollins, Mrs. Catherine Johnson

Sadler, Mrs. Inez
Sauls, Mr. and Mrs. David (Nona)
Seymour, Roddy W.
Shaefer, Mrs. Michael (Sharon Mills)
Smith, Stephen T.
Spence, Tommy
Spurling, Daniel
Steadman, Lisa, Timmy
Stoddard, Preston A.
Strickland, Mrs. Dewey
Strickland, Mrs. Linda R.
Sutton, Miss Patricia

Terry, Mrs. Edward M. (Margaret)—Debbie
Tharrington, Mrs. Lucy Watkins
Tomlinson, Mr. Robert

Vandiford, Connie, Patricia and Judy Dianne

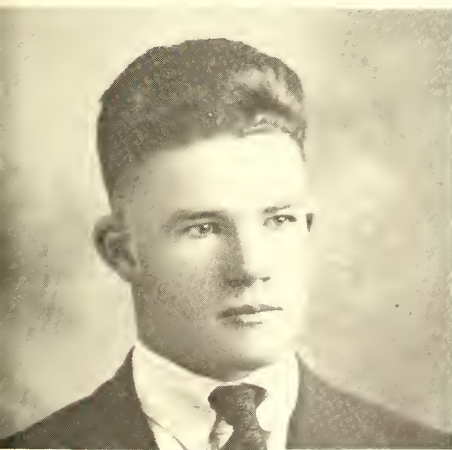
Wall, Donald
Walters, Reba
Watkins, Harry
Webster, Mrs. Ruth
Webster, Steve
Whitman, Bonita Bush
Williams, Kent Boyd
Wilson, Martha
Wray, Nancy



Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunnicutt



Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Williams



R. A. (Bob) Hunnicutt



Mr. Carl Hunnicutt



Members of C. N. Roberts Family



Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Liles



Confederate Veterans Reunion, State Capitol, Raleigh, N. C. -- Approximately 1905



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jackson



Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hodge



OUT AT THE OLD BALL GAME—Five generations of a Raleigh family are avid fans of the "Caps" baseball club and never miss a home game. Pulling for the home team at a re-game are Harvey B. Poole of 2119 Poole Rd., 89-year-old patriarch of the family, left; his daughter, Mrs. Rufus C. Hodge of 2324 New Bern Ave.; Mrs. Edwin T. Warren of 2800 Friar Tuck; his granddaughter; James E. Warren of 504 Parnell Dr., his great-grandson; and two-year-old Perry and four-year-old Debra Ann Warren, his great-great-granddaughters.



Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Munn



Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks





Rev. Jack Hinson, Sara, Sara Jane, Cydney Ann
and Eric



Rev. and Mrs. Hardwick Hatcher



Mrs. A. L. (Donie) Honeycutt



Primary Department
Edna Earle Hunnicutt
Approximately 1949



Junior Class 1958
Edna Earle Hunnicutt
Teacher



Vacation Bible School 1948





Vacation Bible School 1957

Vacation Bible School 1948





Mr. & Mrs. Hal B. Williams Family



Mr. & Mrs. Creighton Williams



Mr. & Mrs. R. A. (Bob) Hunnicutt

By CHRISTINA BAGLEY
Times staff writer

Members of Samaria Baptist Church on Poole Road should be well versed in their church's history when the church celebrates its 100th anniversary in October.

For the past several Sundays, four members of the church's centennial committee have been teaching the church's history. The classes have been divided into 25-year spans (1878-1903, 1903-1928, 1928-1953 and 1953-1978).

To add a little spice to the classes, the teacher dresses up in the costume of the period under discussion.

husbands
Sue Williams, the church historian whose ancestors were charter members of the church, is teaching about the period from 1878 to 1903. The Williams family deeded the land to the church in 1878.

"I'm so excited about all this," Mrs. Williams said. "To think that the people a hundred years ago wanted a place of worship and they've kept it going so that a hundred years later, I can worship there, too. People have been drawn together by this centennial celebration, too."

Ex-Raleigh fire chief Jack Keeter and Mrs. Cassie Hunnicutt, both active members of the church,

will be talking about the years between 1903 and 1958.

Mrs. Margaret Honeycutt, whose mother-in-law is the oldest surviving member of Samaria, will be talking about the period from 1953 to 1978.

The centennial celebration of the church, which began as a log cabin with just four members, will take place during the week of Oct. 1-8. The church now has more than 500 members.

Also in honor of the centennial, the Girl Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors of the church, under the direction of Jennifer Mishoe, minister of music, will give a musical entitled "Noah's Ark" in September, at a date to be announced.

The senior members of the church will present a musical, "Count on Us," on Oct. 1.

"And you really can," said Mrs. Honeycutt, a member of the church for 31 years. "If the church is let down in some kind of way, they're always there ready to help."

There will be a communion service Oct. 1 and a special prayer service Oct. 4.

The pastor, Rev. Hardwick Hatcher, has been with the church since 1975.

"I'm very excited about

this centennial," he said. "I greatly appreciate being a part of it and having the opportunity to be in service here at this time in the church's history. We're all indebted to those of the past for the splendid job they did to make this celebration possible."

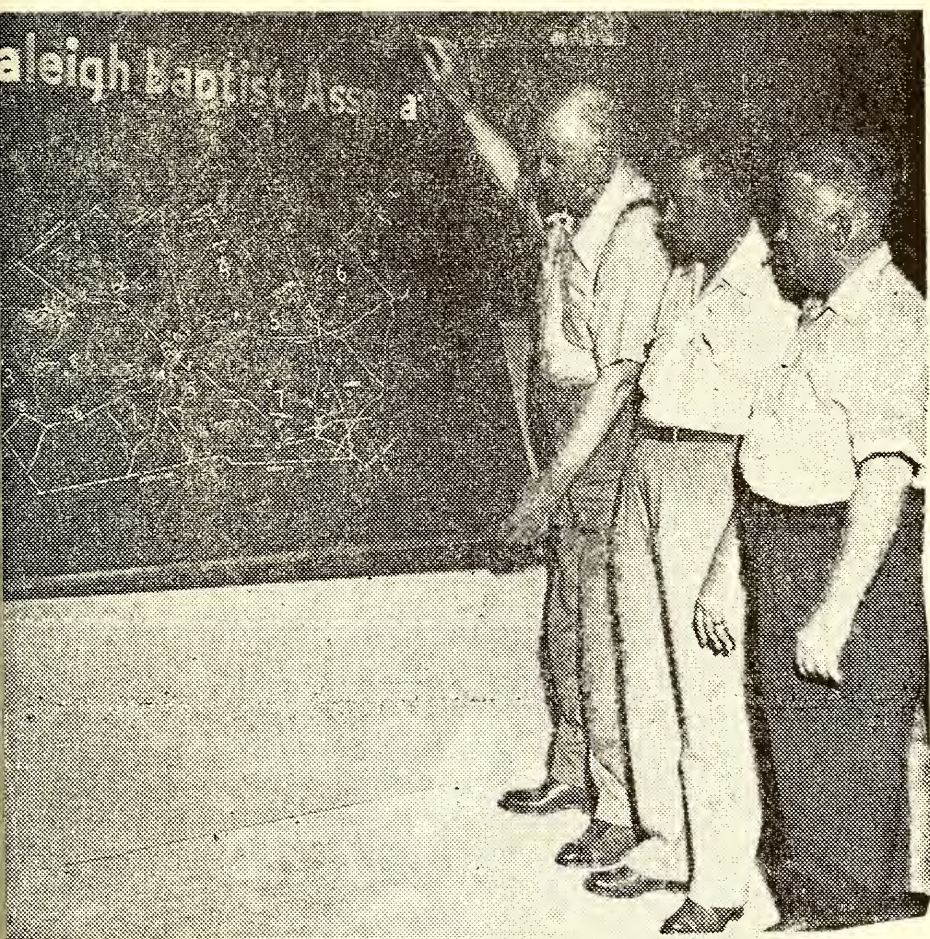
"A Light on a Hill," a history of Samaria Baptist

Church edited and compiled by Mrs. Honeycutt, will be published by Sparks Press in October.

"I've really enjoyed the work," Mrs. Honeycutt said. "But I'd have enjoyed it even more and it would have been more helpful if more old records had been preserved."

The original church records have been lost over the years, she said, mainly because ministers at the church did not start living on the property and caring for records until 1952.

A homecoming Oct. 8 will end the celebration. Those who have been members of the church in the past will return for a service and a picnic on the grounds of the stone building on the hill.



en in Laurinburg. The church mission family was on hand for the retreat. Center, right, three deacons from the Samaria Baptist Church near Raleigh get a closeup view of their associational map. Left to right, they are C. H. Honeycutt; T. M. Honeycutt and C. H. Poole. Their missionary, Lee Pridgen, did a good job in presenting the importance of a sound and well-supported associational program.

By **NANCY DUCKETT**
Times Church Editor

Probably the only church in Raleigh or vicinity that is made from the streets of the city is Samaria Baptist located on the Poole Road.

When the present sanctuary was constructed in 1930 one of the church members, R. C. Hodge, who was an employe of the city, was influential in obtaining discarded cobblestones that once paved city streets for the exterior of the church. In more recent years when the church made additions to its building, another churchman, Fire Chief Jack Keeter, came to the rescue and secured more to-be-destroyed cobblestones for the new construction.

The church was organized in 1876 and was located about 200 feet from the present site.

In 1951 when the addition was made on the church a parsonage was also built next door. The land on which that pastor's home was built was given by the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bryan. The entire property now owned by the church amounts to about four acres.

Up until the time the educational building was constructed, the congregation used the old Samaria school house for Sunday School meetings.

The material for the school was given away when the new building was constructed.

Of the 450 members of the congregation about half live in the area surrounding the church while the other half resides in Raleigh.

Among the church leaders are Reynal Yeargin, who serves a double role-president of the Brotherhood and Sunday School







